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Fahd stresses Arab economic integration

TAIF, Oct. 26 (SPA) — The importance of organizing and integrating the economy of the Arab world and coordinating its industrial development was emphasized in a message from King Fahd during the opening of the third annual session here of the Council of the Arab Organization for Industrial Development which began here Tuesday.

King Fahd's address was read out at Tuesday's opening session by Industry and Electricity Minister Dr. Ghazi Al-Ghazali. The council includes industry ministers from the Arab League states.

In his address, King Fahd welcomed the participants to their "second home", Saudi Arabia, and urged the Arabs to "stand side by side, to face challenges and enemies."

King Fahd said "if political unity is an urgent demand, unity is also required in the economic and industrial sectors in particular."

"Moreover, the Arab world will not succeed in establishing a sound economy and industry unless it is able to get rid of disorganized planning and achieve integration," he added.

The King also said "we, in Saudi Arabia, have covered big strides in the field of industry. But we feel that our achievements will remain incomplete unless we see a comprehensive industrial development in the Islamic and Arab world."

Addressing the opening session, Bahraini Industry and Development Minister Yousuf Shirawi, who chaired the council's previous session, stressed the importance of the meeting and hoped it would culminate in "more positive accomplishments for the Arab world's industrial development."

GCC to abolish custom duties

TAIF, Oct. 26 (SPA) — A number of important legislations pertaining to the unification of economic activities among the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) member states will be issued in December, the council's Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Affairs Dr. Abdullah Al-Ghazali said here Tuesday.

Quiza said the legislation included the

abolition of custom duties and also dealt with industries, transit systems and regulations concerning the operation of ports.

Dr. Quiza added that a study was underway to explore the possibility of building a highway linking the council's six member states and setting up a company for coastal transportation among the main Gulf ports.

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Austria greeted

JEDDAH, (SPA) — King Fahd Tuesday sent a cable of greetings to Austria's President Rudolf Kirchschlaeger on his country's national day. In his cable, the King wished the Austrian people continued progress and prosperity.

Ambassador honored

JEDDAH, (SPA) — The Foreign Ministry gave a party Monday night in honor of the outgoing Mauritanian Ambassador to the Kingdom Muhammad Al-Hanach. Foreign Undersecretary Abdul Aziz Al-Thunayan and member of the diplomatic corps accredited to the Kingdom attended the function.

Ambassadors confer

JEDDAH, (SPA) — Foreign Undersecretary for Political Affairs Abdul Rahman Mansouri has conferred separately with the ambassadors of Switzerland and Iraq and the U.S. Charge d'Affaires here. Informal sources said discussions covered issues of

mutual interest and bilateral relations.

Bilateral relations reviewed

ABU DHABI, (SPA) — Yacoub Al-Kindi, United Arab Emirates director of foreign ministry political circle, met with Saudi Arabian Ambassador here Saleh Sulaiman Al-Fawzan Tuesday. Talks centered on reviewing bilateral relations and issues of mutual interest.

Benin official visits

MAKKAH, (SPA) — Benin's Planning, Statistics and Economic Survey Minister Za Al-Kofi Slami Monday conferred with Muslim World League (MWL) Secretary-General Sheikh Muhammad Al-Harakan. Following the meeting, Slami said he conveyed to Sheikh Harakan a verbal message from Benin's President Col. Mathieu Kerekou, expressing appreciation for the league's efforts to spread Islam in Benin and the medical services offered by the league's hospital in the country.



NEW TRISTAR SERVICE: This L-1011 TriStar has a capacity of 279 passengers and will begin regular service Nov. 1 to Rawalpindi-Islamabad, Pakistan.

Nov. 1 Saudia begins regular service to Rawalpindi-Islamabad, Pakistan

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Oct. 26 — Saudia, the national carrier, will start a regular service to Rawalpindi-Islamabad in Pakistan as of Nov. 1, according to Yarub Balkhair, general manager public relations.

"There will be two flights a week in addition to those going to Karachi, in TriStar L-1011 aircraft which have a capacity of 279 passengers," Balkhair said. "The flights, which will be on Monday's and Thursdays will originate from Jeddah via Riyadh on Mondays and via Dhahran on Thursdays."

Balkhair said that the growing air traffic between the Kingdom and Pakistan has prompted Saudia planners to decide on increasing the flight frequency to that coun-

try making Rawalpindi-Islamabad Saudia's fourth city in the subcontinent after Karachi, Bombay and New Delhi.

"The new service," he said "indicates the increasingly strong relations between the Kingdom and Pakistan and the sound bonds of friendship binding our two countries and people."

A new group of trainees will soon be sent to the United States by Saudia, all are holders of secondary school certificates (science section). They will study aircraft structure, reactors and aeronautic electronics. More than 300 students were recently admitted at Saudia's technical training institute. According to Muhammad Jamil Tumayrak, the airline's technical training director, the students will attend a six-month training course here.

Pension fund to invest SR500m in diplomatic enclave development

RIYADH, Oct. 26 (SPA) — The Retirement Pensions Fund signed Tuesday an agreement under which it will invest SR500 million for the development of the new diplomatic enclave in Riyadh. The agreement was signed by Prince Salman, Riyadh governor and chairman of the higher executive committee for the transfer of the foreign ministry and embassies; and Muhammad Aba Al-Khail, finance and national economy minister, who acted for the board of the retirement pensions fund.

The fund will invest the SR500 million over a period of 30 months. The move is the first toward the development of the diplomatic enclave after the completion of all necessary basic services. The fund's participation will provide it with considerable economic

rewards as a result of investing its money.

This agreement sets into motion the general policy for participation of private and public institutions in the development of the diplomatic enclave after all public services have been carried out by the higher executive committee.

The pensions fund and the executive committee have agreed on the projects to be covered under the agreement. These include commercial facilities, part of the residential areas and a number of lease-oriented buildings for diplomatic missions.

The committee will provide land at three residential sites where the fund will construct more than 200 housing units of various categories.

First Jeddah Earth satellite station expected in 1983

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Oct. 26 — Two Standard "A" earth stations, the best in the world, are planned to be commissioned at the Jeddah Satellite Earth Station, one by the end of next year and other by mid-1984. Saudi Arabia will be the main satellite center in all of the Middle East and will be one of the largest users of the International Telecommunication Satellite (Intelsat) global system, according to Riyadh Satellite Earth Station Director Muhammad Al-Showair.

The engineer told Arab News, in satellite facilities the Kingdom is second in all of Asia next to Japan; and in the International Telecommunication Satellite (Intelsat) organization it is among the seven advanced countries including the United States, Britain, France, West Germany, Italy, and Japan.

Showair said the Ministry of Post, Telegraph and Telephone is making every effort to provide domestic services to remote areas of the Kingdom with minimum of cost and installation time; and to respond rapidly and flexibly to the inordinate growth of international traffic demand experienced in recent years.

He said international telecommunication services are making rapid progress with unprecedented developments taking place in the Kingdom. The Ministry currently operates three Intelsat Standard "A" Earth stations: one at Taif and two in Riyadh, together with their associated transmission and terminal (TTMC) facilities. By the time two Earth



Eng. Muhammad Al-Showair

stations are commissioned at Jeddah, the Kingdom will have access to all the three Intelsat satellites in the Atlantic Ocean Region as well as to both operational satellites in the Indian Ocean Region.

Showair said, the international telecommunication system is divided in to three regions, the Atlantic Ocean Region (AOR), Indian Ocean Region (IOR) and Pacific Ocean Region (POR), and to cover the entire globe the country should have at least two regions. The two Earth stations at Riyadh covers AOR and IOR, one each, while the Taif one is working with AOR. The two to be set up in Jeddah will be the same as Riyadh, working with AOR and IOR. The system is used for telex, telephones and television transmissions.

Preparations made for Asian Games

RIYADH, Oct. 26 (SPA) — The Saudi Arabian Volleyball Association met here Monday to discuss preparations for the Kingdom's team for the upcoming Asian Games in Delhi. Exhibition matches with Tunisian and Moroccan team to visit

CASABLANCA, Oct. 26 (SPA) — The Moroccan national handball team will visit the Kingdom Nov. 12 to 18 to play several matches with its Saudi Arabian counterpart. It was announced here Monday. The Moroccan have been invited by the Saudi Arabian Handball Association in the context of preparations for the Asian Games scheduled for Delhi next month.

Algerian teams were canceled because the Saudi delegation's departure has been moved forward.

The Nepalese volleyball team will arrive here Sunday to play two games with the national team which went into a training camp here as of last Sunday.

The nation team's coach was commissioned to prepare the final list of the team which will play in the Asian games. The association also reviewed during its meeting royal approval to participate in the first Gulf festival, scheduled for Bahrain in January. The association also agreed to take part in three training sessions in South Korea, New Zealand and Iraq.

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Introduced in Jeddah

Tandoor speeds cooking

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Oct. 26 — A new concept in cooking and roasting, the tandoor has been introduced here by a local company, Mayaz International. A spokesman for the company said tandoors were developed by an Indian firm Dimpal International and will prove to be a boon for housewives and expatriates.

The tandoor is a dome-shaped small, light weight kitchen gadget, and when placed on any source of energy such as gas burner, electric stove, charcoal or coke, it cooks the heat in its cavity and is ready for use in three to five minutes.

Chicken, mutton, fish or vegetables are hung on skewers in the cavity of the tandoor.

In conventional ovens the roasting is done by dehydration, but in the tandoor, it is done in its own vapor. The chicken is roasted to the bone in 10/15 minutes, without becoming hard, bread slapped on to the inner wall is baked in two or three minutes. Thus, a family of six to eight can get roasted chicken, bread, khababs or pottas in a matter of only minutes the spokesman claimed.

The gadget is designed in such a way that it does not require any maintenance as there are "no breakable, replaceable, damageable or moving parts and it is under a five year warranty clause." It is designed in three sizes, domestic for six to eight persons, commercial medium for big families and restaurants and king size for big parties and hotels.

Nov. 3 Austrian festival in Dammam

By Jean Grant
Alkhorbar Bureau

DAMMAM, Oct. 26 — Austrian Airlines, in cooperation with Dammam's Al Hamra Hotel, will sponsor a week of Austrian food at the Al Hamra from Nov. 3 to 11.

A disk offering information about Austria will be open in the hotel lobby during the week, which will feature special buffet

Saudi Telephone positions available

RIYADH, Oct. 26 — Thirty new career opportunities are available in Saudi Telephone's Riyadh district, according to employment officials.

"Saudi Arabian youths who are interested in the sophisticated world of modern telecommunication should investigate the career opening at the Riyadh district headquarters building," a spokesman said.

lunches and dinners at the grillroom and coffee shop of Al Hamra.

Door prizes for the event include one ticket to Vienna and seven-days' accommodation with half board at a hotel there.

Besides the food, which includes such famous Austrian pastries as Linzer and Sacher Torte, an effort will be made to provide an Austrian ambience for the occasion.

For those Saudi Arabian youths with high school or equivalent education, immediate job placement is possible in many areas. Positions are open in the record office, billing office and payment office. On-the-job training, modern office facilities, and the chance of promotion in the rapidly-growing Saudi Telephone organization are among the benefits available in successful career applications.

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Asr (Afternoon)	3:22	3:20	2:52	2:37	3:01	3:29
Maghreb (Sunset)	5:49	5:47	5:18	5:03	5:27	5:54
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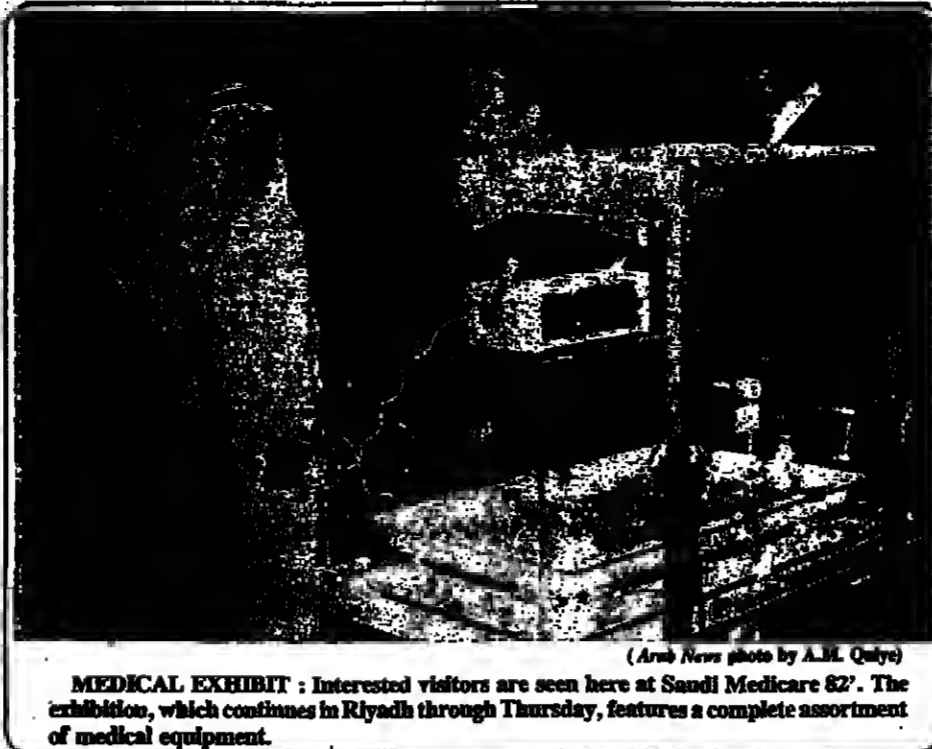
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MEDICAL EXHIBIT: Interested visitors are seen here at Saudi Medicare 82. The exhibition, which continues in Riyadh through Thursday, features a complete assortment of medical equipment.

E. Province health projects progress

DAMMAM, Oct. 26 (SPA) — The Health Ministry is currently engaged in carrying out SR53.7 million projects in the Eastern Province and Ahsa Region.

Eastern Province Health Director General Dr. Seifuddin Al-Shakli, said Tuesday the projects include new premises for the health directorate for which a SR9.9 million contract was awarded to a national company.

Other projects comprise a nurses housing program in Safwa, an out-patient clinic building for Hofuf hospital, expanding the psychiatric hospital in Ahsa to accommodate 100 beds and other supplements in various towns and villages.

Dr. Shakli said a number of project also were commissioned recently and sites are to be handed over to executing companies. Among these are the expansion of Dammam's central hospital with 100 additional beds and housing units for doctors and nurses; building a central warehouse for Azqujjan area in Hofuf; renovating a clinic and building warehouses in Safaniah; constructing freezers for Qatif and Safwa hospitals and a physiotherapy unit for Dammam hospital.

A project for a residential building for doctors and another for nurses is to be commissioned soon for Dammam, Shakli added.

Jeddah projects discussed, mayor stresses coordination

JEDDAH, Oct. 26 (SPA) — Nine companies operating in Jeddah are to be served warning by the Higher Coordination Committee, while three foreign firms were given presents for their contributions and successful works in the city.

During a meeting chaired by Jeddah Mayor Muhammad Saeed Farsi, the committee discussed the achievements by companies operating in the city for the last month. Work scheduled for the next phase was also discussed with an emphasis on public services. The mayor stressed the importance of coordination between government departments and the municipality to improve the standard of the city's projects.

Jeddah Traffic Director Lt. Col. Shahata Mufti spoke before the committee about traffic problems the department faces with some "uncooperative companies." He urged that the gap be closed between these companies and the traffic department.

Pointing out that an archeological site was discovered in the Obhur area recently, Farsi reaffirmed that the responsibility to preserve historical sites falls on everyone.

The meeting was attended by a large number of government officials, directors of companies, and professors from King Abdul Aziz University recently included in the coordination committee.

Abdul Rahman Kabawi, archeology director general in the Western Region, also

Construction clean-up begun by Khafji officials

KHAFJI, Oct. 26 (SPA) — A committee formed by Khafji Municipality and its affiliates has begun work to remove construction leftovers and about 200 shacks built illegally on state land. The committee is made up of representatives of the governorate, police and municipality.

Khafji municipality is also currently

addressed the committee. The historical site was discovered six months ago in northern Obhur, he said. Inscriptions found in the rocks of the area date back 5,000 years and show people and animals. "The inscriptions resemble those at Jebel area in Hail and in Asir area, discovered in 1980," Kabawi said. The new historical site demands care and preservation until studies now underway are completed. The site will be fenced and the Public Security is in charge of guarding it, he added.

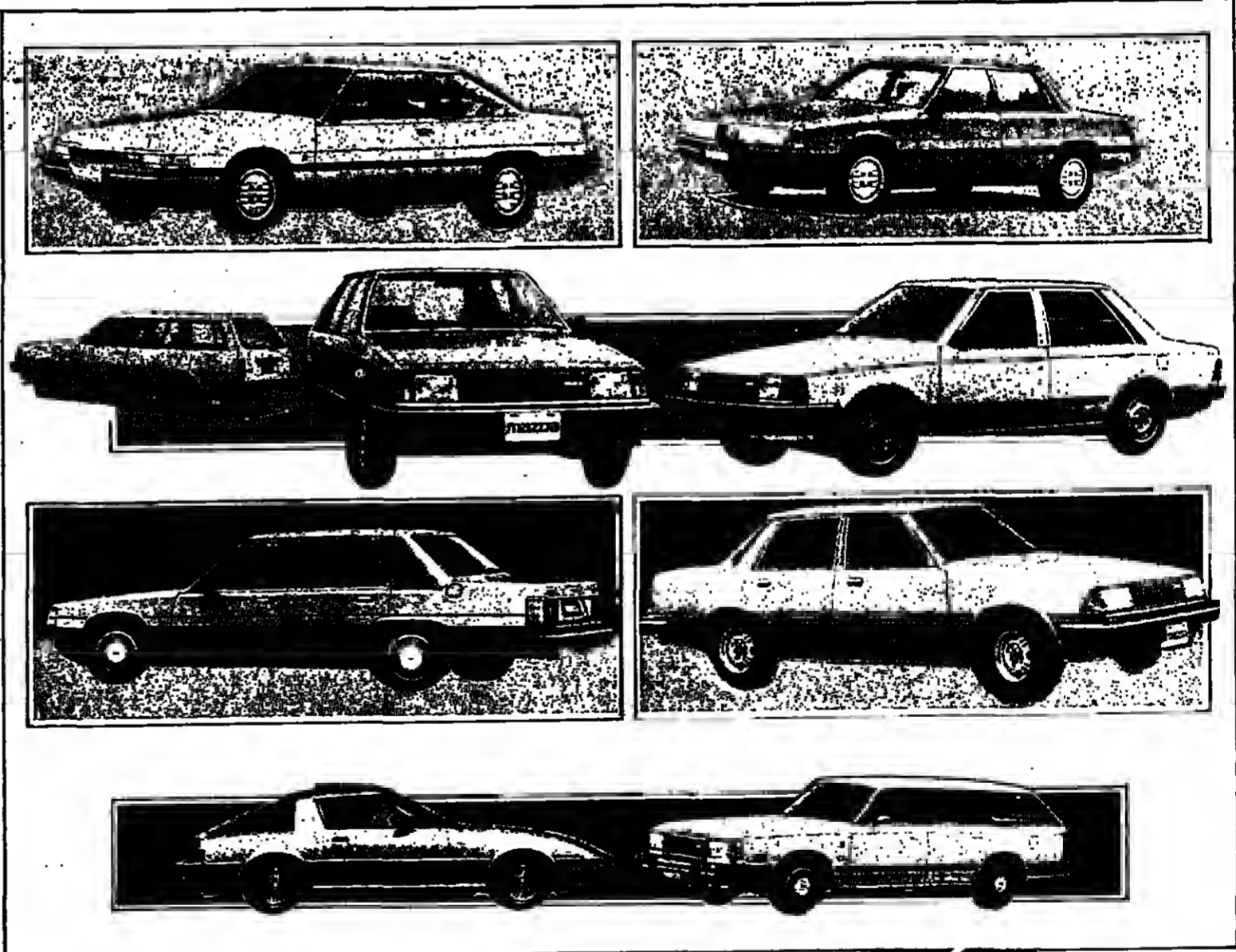
Local firms win SR27m Ank jobs

ANK, Oct. 26 (SPA) — SR27.7 million worth projects are being carried out by Ank Municipality in the town. Jash and Milaha and have been awarded to national firms. The projects include an asphalted, paving and illumination plan for the three towns at a total cost of SR12 million.

Also two graveyards are being fenced and two morgues are being constructed in Jash and Milaha at a total cost of SR2.7 million. A commercial center and a general market also are being constructed at a cost of SR2 million. Another major project underway is the land-filling of the limited income people's zone at a cost of SR12 million.

engaged in a land-filling project in low areas at a cost of SR2.6 million. Work is expected to be completed in three months. Other projects underway include a road and illumination maintenance program and the Khafji gate project. These projects have combined of SR2.3 million.

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Begin firm on W. Bank annexation

TEL AVIV, Oct. 26 (AFP) — Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin Tuesday denounced President Ronald Reagan's latest Middle East peace proposals, reaffirming his determination to annex the West Bank and Gaza and reminding Washington that Israel was not a "vassal of the United States." Begin, cited by Israeli radio, was speaking to the Israeli Parliamentary Commission for Foreign Affairs and Defense.

He said that sooner or later Israeli sovereignty over the West Bank and Gaza would be established, and that Arab autonomy in these areas must be "effective" by that time.

Sternly condemning the Reagan peace initiative, Begin said: "We are not a vassal of the United States. We have not only the right but also the duty to refuse proposals contrary to the Camp David agreements" reached with Egypt.

Begin also outlined Israel's proposals for a peace arrangement with Lebanon, submitted to U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz by Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir during his recent trip to Washington. The proposals, he said, include the creation of a joint Israeli-Lebanese commission to set up security arrangements in South Lebanon following the withdrawal of foreign troops currently in the country.

Under the Israeli proposals, Begin said, an artillery-free zone of 50 kms must be assured north of the Israeli border, and the militia of Saad Haddad, a de facto ally of Israel, must be integrated into the Lebanese Army.

Russian troops using napalm in Afghanistan, defector says

ISLAMABAD, Oct. 26 (AP) — An Afghan Air Force pilot who defected to Pakistan says the Soviets routinely use napalm and "other poisonous bombs" against the freedom fighters in Afghanistan, Radio Pakistan reports.

The pilot, Hazar Gul, said most air and land operations are now carried out by the Soviets — indicating that he was among a small number of Afghans allowed to fly combat missions in Afghanistan. In the interview, reported Tuesday, Gul said he served 11 months at Khawaji Rabash Airport after receiving five years training in the Soviet Union.

He said he decided to defect because he could not bear to witness the "untold cruelties" that his fellow countrymen were subjected to. The radio report did not say when Gul defected, or whether he brought his plane with him.

Last week an Afghan Air Force pilot was killed when his MiG-17 jet fighter crashed near a Pakistani border town. Military authorities believed the pilot was attempting to defect.

Gul estimated current Afghan Army strength was 10,000-15,000 troops, far below Western estimates that had put it at 30,000-35,000. The Afghan Army number about 90,000 men at the time of Soviet military intervention three years ago, but its ranks have been depleted by high casualties and mass defections.

On the military front, hundreds of Soviet tanks backed by helicopters, MiG warplanes and Afghan soldiers surged toward a freedom fighter held valley outside Afghanistan's capital, but suffered massive losses to new fighting, freedom fighters' sources said Monday.

They said the fighters had advance warning of the latest attack on strategic Paghman Valley, 25 kms north of Kabul, the Afghanistan capital, and that most of the Afghan Army contingent gave up without firing. The sources, who declined to be identified, did not say how many Afghan soldiers surrendered.

The freedom fighters claimed to have inflicted massive casualties on the invading forces in the Oct. 19 battle.

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radio said.

TEL AVIV, (AP) — Israel has protested a Lebanese decision to cut off cooperation between the two countries in health services. The health ministry issued an announcement saying, "Lebanese authorities... would have to bear full responsibility for the consequences if the order is carried out."

KINSHASA, (AP) — Zaire is resuming full military cooperation with Israel following the first visit of a high-level Israeli military delegation since the two countries restored their diplomatic relations last May, qualified government sources reported Tuesday.

Soviets said replenishing Syria arsenal

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26 (AP) — The Soviet Union has rebuilt Syria's military to a point where it is bigger and better than before Syrian losses against Israel last summer, U.S. intelligence analysts have concluded. However, analysts say the Syrian buildup isn't a significant threat to what they term Israel's "military dominance" in the area.

An intelligence report says the Soviets have completed replacement of Syrian losses in tanks, planes, artillery, surface-to-air missiles and other weapons and equipment. Soviet ships have delivered about 35,000 tons of equipment to Syria since June, the sources, who asked to remain anonymous, said Monday.

"Overall, the quantity and quality of Syria's arms inventory has increased over pre-war levels," said the report.

U.S. military officers stressed it will take more than new equipment to replace Syria's losses. "The Syrians lost trained pilots and tank crews," noted one specialist. "It's going to take some time to train their replacements."

Syria has received some of Moscow's most advanced weapons, including T-72 tanks, MiG-23 jet fighters and SU-22 ground attack planes. The Soviets have also assigned a large number of advisers to Syrian forces over the years. An Israeli Defense Ministry report in August claimed there were 2,580 Soviet and East European military advisers in Syria, more than in any other Middle Eastern or African nation.

U.S. military officers tend to credit American weapons, such as F-15 and F-16 fighters, for much of Israel's success.

Egypt seeks revival of Taba talks

CAIRO, Oct. 26 (R) — Egypt has called on Israel for the immediate resumption of negotiations to settle their border dispute in the Sinai coastal strip of Taba, foreign ministry sources said Tuesday. They said Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali had sent messages to U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz and Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir urging the resumption of the talks halted since last May.

The messages accused Israel of violating an agreement on the disputed 700-meter coastal strip, whose future was not settled at the time

of the 1979 Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty. Ali said the talks should discuss the methods of reconciliation or arbitration to be applied.

Relations between Egypt and Israel are cool and Egypt withdrew its ambassador from Tel Aviv last month in protest against the Israeli invasion of Lebanon and the massacres in two refugee camps in West Beirut.

Ali and U.S. Ambassador Alfred Atherton discussed the question of Taba Tuesday. Atherton told reporters the talks dealt with the issue and that he was awaiting Washington's reply to Ali's message.

Qaddafi, Zhao discuss M.E. crisis

PEKING, Oct. 26 (AFP) — Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi Tuesday praised China for its support of the Third World. Qaddafi took this position during a meeting with Chinese Premier Zhao Ziyang with whom he discussed "important issues of common concern," the New China News Agency (NCNA) reported.

NCNA did not reveal what these issues were but the discussion was assumed by observers to have focused on the Middle East where China has repeatedly condemned Israel and United States support for the Israelis.

The agencies said that the meeting took place in a cordial atmosphere. Premier Zhao said that China wished to improve its relations with Libya.

Diplomatic sources said that the Libyan leader's visit, whose duration has not been disclosed, shows that China is keen to improve its own ties with African and Middle Eastern countries closely linked with the Soviets.

"China is making eyes at the pro-Soviet countries in Africa and the Middle East," a Western diplomat, who did not wish to be identified, commented.

Zia concludes visit to North Korea

TOKYO, Oct. 26 (AP) — Pakistani President Muhammad Zia ul-Haq left Pyongyang Tuesday after a four-day state visit to North Korea, the official Korean Central News Agency reported. North Korean President Kim Il-Sung saw Zia and his party off at the airport, it said.

While in North Korea, Zia had a series of talks with Kim, visited the Kim Il-Sung Military University and Kim's birthplace in Mangyongdae near Pyongyang, and saw a North Korean dance performed in Zia's honor.

NCNA quoted Zia as saying at a banquet Monday that his talks with Kim were "not

only held in a friendly and brotherly atmosphere but also illustrated that our views are very close to each other on world issues."

Zia also said in his speech that Pakistan will increase economic cooperation with North Korea and that the two countries will sign an agreement on "economic, technical, scientific, and cultural cooperation," according to KCNA.

Zia then called for joint efforts with North Korea at promoting global peace at the seventh summit of nonaligned nations, to be held next March in New Delhi.



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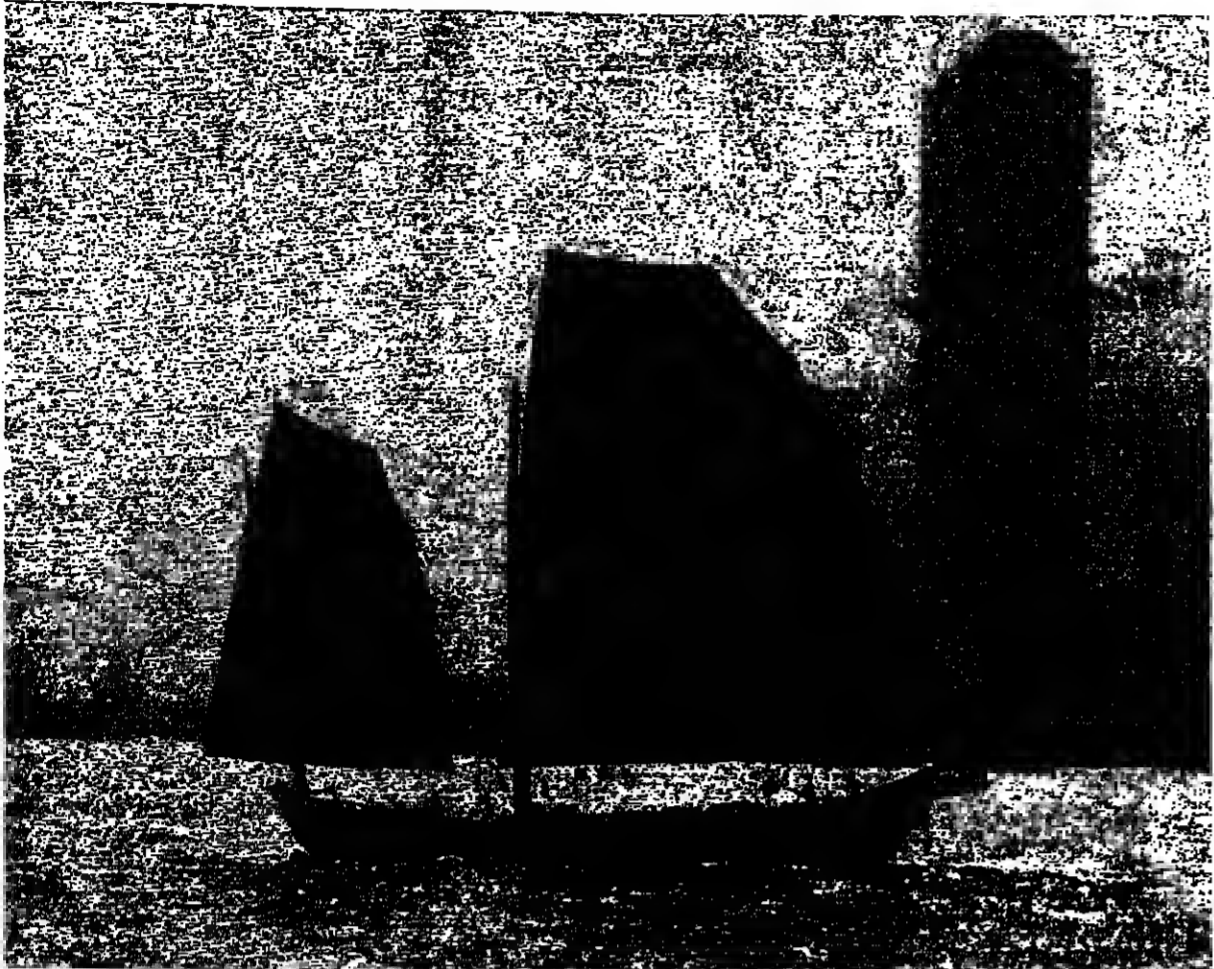
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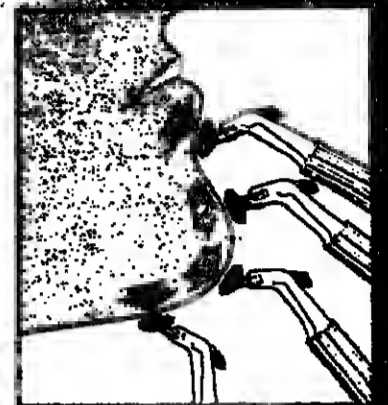
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N. IRELAND DILEMMA

The situation in Northern Ireland is one of the most intractable politico-social and religious problems in the world at present. The intercommunal warfare that has been ablaze for over 11 years is getting even bloodier and more ferocious.

The British government is sinking deeper into the quagmire of Irish politics and religious strife. It would love to get out of it but it can't because of utter bigotry in the name of religion, which has nothing to do with the murder, mayhem and devastation of one of the prettiest countries in the world.

The Catholics and Protestants have been killing each other with ever increasing brutality along so-called denominational lines whereas these lines should have united them in the service of the homeland. Recently, they have developed a new technique of mindless vendetta in which they kidnap and murder their victims on a tit-for-tat basis which is bound to mushroom into a blood-letting orgy in an already blood-soaked land which has very little chance of ever returning to normal.

The British are of course paying the high price for mistakes made in the past when they annexed Northern Ireland and incorporated it into Great Britain. In fact, it was because of the annexation that the word 'great' was added to 'Britain'.

But Britain cannot withdraw from 'Great Britain' without causing a remorselessly costly civil war between Protestants and Catholics that will leave the territory shattered and perhaps only thinly inhabited by the psychically and physically infirm.

Even if the Protestants go along with any British plan, the Catholics will not and are sure to oppose and sabotage it. Ireland itself has had very little influence on the course of events but it naturally hopes for the reunification of all Irish soil once the British have given up or the people reached a solution.

Such a solution won't be found without the leaders of both warring factions face up to the situation and realize the enormity of their crime against the rank and file, the innocents, and those pining for peace and security.

Saudi Arabian press review

Al-Jazirah Tuesday accused Iranian leaders of endangering the Gulf's security and stability and of attempting to impede the Islamic conciliation committee's efforts to put an end to the Iraq-Iran war. The paper said the committee should expose Iran's attempts and its "disregard for all Islamic calls to end this destructive war."

"The Islamic world and the international community are quite convinced that the Iranian regime is the source of all these troubles and are aware of Iraq's desire for peace and its readiness to cooperate with the committee," it added.

The paper hailed the committee's role "despite the frustration and disappointment it had faced as a result of the Iranian leaders' stubbornness." It held the Iranian leaders responsible for endangering Gulf security and stability and "defying the Islamic nation's wishes."

Al-Madinah said the Islamic nation had the right to acquaint itself with the details pertaining to the stands of Iran and Iraq on the committee's efforts to stop the war. The paper added that the Islamic world appreciated the committee's efforts to put an end to the war despite obstacles hindering its task.

Al-Riyadh called for a collective

Arab stand to rescue Lebanon from the current difficult situation and help the country to stand on its own feet after the complete destruction it suffered at the hands of the invaders.

"This is the least thing the Arabs can do for this small Arab country which has suffered from civil war, displacement, destruction and lastly an invasion," it said. The paper regretted what it called great pressure exerted by both international powers and certain Arab regimes to ensure their personal interests in the country.

"The Lebanese people as a whole have learned a lesson which is clear from their electing a new president, capable of resolving differences among various factions and re-establishing the country's unity and freedom," the paper said.

Okaz said there was an urgent need to forge industrial coordination and integration among the Gulf Cooperation Council member states to pave the way for the establishment of a Gulf common market. The paper added that such an integration would not merely be confined to the existing industries in the region but would also include future projects and industries now being planned. (SPA)



Beirut massacres swing world public opinion

By Robert Little

There can be very few doubts that the belated decision of Israeli Premier Menachem Begin to withdraw his earlier opposition and agree to the appointment of a full judicial inquiry into the murderous massacres in West Beirut refugee camps of Shatila and Sabra has been one of the most resounding successes in recent years for the whole of the international news media.

As is now being suggested by the Israeli domestic media, if this is the war-lord Begin's Watergate, then there is certainly no Israeli equivalent of *The Washington Post* that can claim much credit for bringing the "hatchet Begin" and his slaughterman Sharon to justice. That is if real justice is done, which you can be sure it won't be.

Within a week of those two fateful days when Christian Phalangist militiamen, aided and abetted by Israeli armed forces, entered the two camps on a rampage of blood-thirsty carnage, the shift in world public opinion took a dramatic turn. Almost with a single voice, in the midst of the universal condemnation, opinion worldwide has moved unequivocally against the Israelis and in support of the Palestinian people.

Yet somehow it is a sickening paradox of the modern human condition that while in the three months immediately preceding the refugee camps slaughter, tens of thousands of innocent Lebanese and Palestinian men, women and children were ruthlessly and mercilessly massacred in cold blood by the invading Israeli armed forces, it took this bloodbath to really stir the world's conscience.

To begin to gauge just how dramatic this change in international public opinion has been one needs but only to cast an eye over the pro-Israeli press in Europe and North America. And it must not be overlooked that the 5.9 million Jews in the United States, by far the largest and most powerful community in the diaspora, is even greater than the total population within Israel itself.

Largely due to the Begin-Sharon military adventure in Lebanon, for the first time in several decades diaspora Jews throughout the world, particularly the wealthy industrialized West, now find themselves almost overnight in a state of political siege. Jewish publications and organizations that even as

recently as a few weeks ago were supporting the line that at all costs it was the diaspora's "duty to be loyal" to Israel, have been having a drastic change of heart.

In a devastatingly critical editorial headed "End of the line" in the London-based *Jewish Chronicle*, editor Michael Wallach believed he was speaking for the majority of British Jewry when he said: "The last remnants of credibility attaching to the prime minister of Israel, Mr. Menachem Begin, and his defense minister, Mr. Ariel Sharon, disappeared somewhere into the rubble of the Palestinian refugee camps in West Beirut over the Rosh Hashana weekend."

Even more, almost unbelievably, revealing of the leadership of the British Jewish community's shattered faith in Israeli government's policies over Lebanon, has been the total change in attitude of the British Board of (Jewish) Deputies. In a cable to the Israeli prime minister the board, which previously has given unqualified support to every Israeli government whatever their crimes or mistakes, has declared that it has been "appalled at the latest tragic events in Lebanon." Signed by the fanatically Zionist president of the board, Labor MP Greville Janner, and its three senior honorary officers, the cable expressed the hope that "all responsible will swiftly be brought to justice."

Perhaps more honest and representative of the views of most ordinary European Jews were those expressed by Lord Mishcon in a cable to Begin. A former long-time leader of the Zionist Movement in Europe, Lord Mishcon declared:

"As a lifelong Zionist and worker for the state of Israel since its creation, I, together with so many of Israel's friends throughout the continent, Jewish and Gentile, am filled with horror at what in any view was the callous irresponsibility of those who act under the orders of your government, and which has led to the cruel massacre of Palestinian men, women and children."

"By this and other actions connected with the siege of West Beirut, you and members of your government have tarnished the name of the Jewish people. Many of us, Zionists and lovers of the people of Israel, as we will always be, will never forgive you for it."

The shift in American public opinion, according

to opinion poll results in the weekly international magazine *Newsweek*, has been every bit as impressive. Only a month before one-third of the Senate and the whole of the House of Representatives are due to face re-election, the polls have shown substantial move away from support for Israel and a large increase in public backing for the Arab and Palestinian cause in particular.

When the question "Are your sympathies more with Israel or more with the Arab nation?" was asked in July, 49 percent went with Israel and 10 percent supported the Arab cause. This month, however, when the same question was asked support for Israel had tumbled to 32 percent and that for the Arab nation had leaped to 28 percent. Even more revealing the same poll showed that among American Jews, who have always applied much of the pro-Israel pressure on successive U.S. governments, a significant 36 percent of them declared they were now less sympathetic to Israel as a result of events over the last year.

On the other hand, among the general public at large the poll has shown that sympathy toward the Palestinian people and their claim for an independent state has risen sharply from 28 percent to 39 percent.

As *Newsweek* reports, this sharp change in American public opinion is reflected on Capitol Hill where Israel is beginning to suffer the first economic consequences. Fresh moves to raise aid to Israel by \$300 million above President Reagan's 1983 budget appropriation of \$2.2 billion are now considered dead.

These moves have followed in the wake of harsh attacks by Senator Alan Cranston, the Democratic leader in the Senate and a non-Jew, who has always in the past been one of Israel's strongest supporters. In a personal letter to Begin, later released to the international press, he said: "The recent behavior of your military forces in Lebanon is causing deep concern and expressions of outrage among Israel's friends. This concern threatens to erode support for Israel in the United States and among the American people."

"To critics and friends of Israel alike, it appears that you and Gen. Sharon have substituted naked military force for a balanced foreign policy which should reflect a decent respect for the opinions of

manhood." Perhaps the most telling indicator of the swing in world opinion away from Israel and in support of the Arab cause has been the critical reaction, sometimes erupting into violence, of the ordinary man-in-the-street. Most specifically this can be seen in the large numbers of individuals and organizations lending their public support in pro-PLO/anti-Israeli marches and demonstrations.

For most Jews of the diaspora this has led to an increase in fear for the safety of their own persons and property, which can be seen in the sudden hasty installation of electronic security systems at many homes and businesses. Even these Jews now have little reason for which to thank Begin.

Letter to the editor

Marcos proposal

Sir,
As a Filipino citizen, I strongly object to the proposal of President Ferdinand E. Marcos to cut short his six-year term of office provided the opposition parties, which boycotted last year's presidential election, pit candidates in new elections (*Arab News*, Oct. 17).

Under Marcos, the Philippines has had referendums and elections based on constitutional and legal procedures. Therefore, the results of these activities, having the full force and effects of constitutional, legal and popular mandate cannot be modified, superceded, altered or amended on a mere understanding between Marcos and the opposition parties in order to accommodate the latter. To do so would mean that our constitution, our legal system and the popular will of the people, can be changed from time to time on a mere understanding by groups of people only to accommodate parties. This situation is certainly unconstitutional and undemocratic.

The serious defects in the Philippines political situation are in the electoral and managerial systems which provide undue advantages for the party in power and whoever has the money and influence. Therefore, it is the system and not the people that must be changed.

Lagorio (Toting) G.M. Naval
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Reagan accused of abusing presidency

By Robert Cheshyre

WASHINGTON — It was a cosy scene, intended to pluck at the heart-strings: The father of the nation seated at a small table, about to sign into law a bill that would provide one million Americans a year with marketable skills, while around him clustered two dozen mainly young, mainly black workers who had recently benefited from similar training programs.

This is the sort of occasion at which Ronald Reagan excels. Winsome and folksy, he recalled his own struggles in the Great Depression when he worked his way through college "washing dishes" — pause — "in a girls' dormitory" — laughter. And he spoke of what decent training had meant to the nervous workers in their Sunday bests who shared his platform.

Present, we were told, was a mother of three, recently unemployed, who was now running her own business, and a young immigrant from the Dominican Republic, who was working his way through college as a computer operator — thanks to the training scheme. The new bill allows \$4,000 million a year for more such metamorphoses — cheap at the price, one would have thought, if it converts welfare mothers and indigent foreigners into pillars of society.

That evening there was Reagan again, this time on television making a "non-partisan" address to his people, reading from the auto-cue the remarkably articulate letter he said he had received from a "jobless" woman in Alabama: "It's 3.45 a.m. and for over an hour I have been unable to sleep...this morning I need very much to believe in something..." "Well, Judith," replied Reagan, his eyes moist with emotion. "I hear you."

"And (I hear) millions of other men and women like you who stand for the values of hard work, thrift, commitment to family and love of God that made this country so great, and will make us great again."

Unfortunately for Reagan, as so often when he picks sob stories out of his postbag, Judith turned out not to be quite what she had seemed. She is an out-of-work teacher but her husband is a very much in-work accountant, and her problem was keeping up a middle-class lifestyle rather than avoiding destitution. There was further embarrassment for the White House last week when a paper discovered that Reagan's ballet dancer son, Ronald, was drawing the dose.

Reagan's interest (if sudden) in the plight of the underdog might seem like a suitable activity for the President of the United States at a moment when the worst recession for 40 years ravages his country, and as such worthy of applause from Reagan's "fellow Americans," whom he invoked constantly throughout his telecast.

But since there happens to be a national election in under three weeks' time, a howl rose from Democratic Party leaders that, by seeking air time for his "non-partisan" broadcast, Reagan was abusing his office and "playing politics" — always, for some reason, the worst charge one can level against a politician. And, of course, up to a point they were right.

Although Ronald Reagan's name will not appear on the No. 2 ballot paper, his spirit will hover above the polling booths, and, although one can argue about how much his stewardship of the White House is an issue, certainly the election's outcome will determine how effective Reagan will be in the second half of his term of office. It is little wonder, therefore, that he seeks, by whatever means available, to influence the outcome.

The truth is that he had — by most reliable accounts — actively hindered the job training bill up until the last minute, when he claimed it as his own. He failed also to observe the polite custom of inviting the bill's congressional sponsors to the signing ceremony. Since these included Senator Edward Kennedy, their presence would have indicated that the bill was not something that the presi-

dent or his party had dreamt up all by themselves.

And, until last week, the president had seemingly considered the unemployed as a class to be a necessary — if unfortunate — sacrifice to the greater good of getting inflation under control. Now Reagan says he "will not rest until every American who wants a job finds a job," a somewhat ambitious pledge. Inflation has been demoted to public enemy No. 2.

No one begrudges a politician a change of heart at election time. But Democrats, at least, are angry at his partisan exploitation of his powerful office. The irony is that, even though the polls show the Republican Party trailing the Democrats by 12 points nationally, Reagan almost certainly need not fear that such a disparity will be reflected in the results.

Although the election is in part a referendum on Reaganomics and the recession, far more crucially it is a collection of individual races which have more to do with personalities, campaign money and local issues than with what is, or is not, going on in Washington.

The pundits have been on the stump now for many months and they returned to headquarters with the report that on a district-by-district analysis the Republicans are in remarkably good shape, and even the recent news that double digit unemployment had arrived caused scarcely more than a ripple.

The key battle is for the House of Representatives, where all the seats are contested every two years. Although controlled by the Democrats for the past two years with a 243-192 majority, it has provided Reagan with a conservative coalition strong enough to pass most of the measures he sought.

Even Democratic Party professionals concede they may gain no more than 15 seats (as opposed to the 40 or so that might be expected if there was a direct correlation between the recession and the returns), and some of these will be conservatives from the South and West. So Reagan's support in the House may be only marginally eroded. (ONS)

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, Oct. 27th, the 300th day of 1982. There are 65 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1523 — English expedition to France fails.

1651 — Limerick, Ireland, surrenders to British after lengthy siege.

1676 — Peace of Zurawna between Turkey and Poland.

1789 — France's attempt to invade Ireland fails.

1806 — France's Napoleon Bonaparte occupies Berlin, Germany.

1807 — Spain and France agree to conquer Portugal.

1871 — Britain annexes diamond fields of Kimberly, South Africa.

1922 — Southern Rhodesia referendum rejects joining Union of South Africa.

1961 — Mauritania and Mongolia are admitted to the United Nations.

1966 — U.N. General Assembly proclaims termination of South Africa's mandate over South-west Africa.

1977 — The U.S. rules out any embargo on trade with South Africa or any ban on U.S. involvement in that nation to protest its racial policies.

1978 — Egypt's President Anwar Sadat and Israel's Prime Minister Menachem Begin are awarded Nobel Peace Prize.

1980 — Seven Irish nationalist guerrillas, in Northern Ireland prison, launch hunger strike aimed at pressuring Britain into concessions amounting to political prisoner status.

Thought for today:

What we see depends mainly on what we look for — John Lubbock, English astronomer (1803-1865).

Over African plain

Up, up and away in a hot air balloon

By Jean Grant

OVER PARADISE PLAIN, Kenya — Its name is Monica, and when puffed up it is 100 feet tall. Every day at dawn, from July to March, it floats dreamily over the tawny African plain. It is a bright red and yellow hot air balloon. Its padded wicker basket carries six passengers and the balloonist, Peter Langford.

Lift-off occurs in a sheltered clearing in the woods. As two fans blow cold air into the balloon, Langford stalks about, checking the control lines. Once it is inflated, he twists the knob on one of the butane cylinders. There is a deafening blast and a huge column of flame spurts up into the balloon to heat the air enclosed in it. The passengers scamper into the basket. Soon the balloon is aloft, and the sounds of earth fade away as it makes its slow and stately progress over the land where gazelle, wildebeests and lion range.

In this animal kingdom 200 feet below, the balloon creates consternation. A solitary elephant trumpets at the onerous sight, and an owl falls from his branch in surprise. Gazelles flee, scared out of their wits. A wart hog peers out of the hole he has dug himself in a giant termite mound, and after one long stare, burrows back into it. A herd of wildebeests rush away in terror, only to find themselves galloping on the giant shadow cast by the balloon. Only the lion refuses to be impressed. Nonchalantly the king of the beasts ignores — or pretends to ignore — the balloon so long as it is not directly over him. As it passes over his royal head, he discreetly moves away.

One night recently, the gaunt-faced, blue-eyed Peter Langford was chased by a Cape buffalo back to his tent. He resented having to turn tail and run, but he got his revenge the next morning. "I was floating high in the balloon when I noticed a Cape buffalo staring up at the balloon. He seemed mesmerized. So intent was the buffalo on keeping his eyes on the balloon that he leaned so far back that he lost his balance. When the buffalo got up," added Langford smugly, "he had only one horn instead of two. He broke one in his fall."

Inside the wicker basket, Langford's six passengers stand and stare at the animals below. They have paid \$200 apiece for the privilege. No seat belts strap them in, no life jackets or parachutes are tucked in the basket, no oxygen masks will ever fall — there is nothing above them but the billowing balloon soaring up with the wind. As they hover above the treetops, one passenger stoops over the basket's edge to pluck a leaf.

The passengers are not only fussy millionaires out for a lark. Some are committed animal lovers, hoping that their vantage point in the balloon will show them some of Africa's more elusive animals. As the balloon drifts over the heavily treed areas where safari jeeps cannot penetrate, they are rewarded with a glimpse of the serval, a rare long-legged wild cat with yellowish coat and black spots. For the most part, they see the commoner animals: the blubbery hippos basking on the muddy banks of the Mara River, the elephants, giraffe, water hucks and baboons. For some stretches there are no animals whatever to be seen, only safari jeeps and mini buses searching for the animals.

Langford cannot control the direction of the balloon's flight, only the height at which it travels. The hotter the air inside the balloon the higher and faster the craft flies. At one point Langford lets out some of the hot air; the balloon descends to a foot above ground level where his passengers can see lizards streak by tiny white-petaled flowers. All the flights take place at dawn when the winds are light. Langford reckons that going faster than 17 miles per hour is dangerous. "It is a little unpleasant to get stuck on the top of a tree," he remarks when asked why he doesn't go any faster.



BALLOON: When it is inflated it is 100 feet tall. Its padded wicker basket can carry six passengers and the balloonist, Peter Langford (below right). It does not fly faster than 17 miles per hour. Below, left: The giant shadow cast by the balloon.



An old army saying is that "a good landing is one you walk away from." Don't expect too smooth a landing in a balloon. There are, after all, no brakes to slow it down, and no wheels to ease the shock of landing. The passengers crouch low in the padded orange basket, clinging onto the straps with both hands. Suddenly the basket hits the ground at a speed of 12 miles per hour, and tips over like a teacup. For a moment it seems as if the heavens have fallen. There is a sensation of suffocating claustrophobia as the basket tumbles on its side for a few feet and then crashes into — of all things — an anthill! It sounds insignificant, a case of making a mountain out of an anthill, but the anthills of Kenya are large and hard — some of them six feet high — and the jolt is terrifying.

It is quickly over. Within 20 seconds the great balloon empties its 160,000 cubic feet of hot air and lies flattened on the ground. The passengers clamber out unsteadily. Some are pale. The four Kenyans of the ground crew speed to their work, fold the great balloon away, and stuff it into its carrying bag.

While the passengers toast their successful landing, the crew fry mushroom and scramble

eggs over the same burners that fired the balloon. Juice, toast, and marmalade are arranged on the linen-covered picnic table set in the midst of the vast Serengeti Plain. Before the bumpy two-hour drive back to the lodge, Langford presents each passenger with a certificate, in French no less, commending his "courage and sang-froid" for having gone aloft in a "montgolfier."

It is worth the \$200 fare? "The pinnacle of an unforgettable trip," "the experience of a lifetime," "wouldn't have missed it for the world," read some of the comments in the Kenya Balloons and Safaris guest book. Only the rich can afford to make a habit out of ballooning, but the profit margin is not as high as one might expect. Each flight uses 150 pounds of butane. The balloon itself costs \$20,000, Langford claims. Its life is a short one, only about 400 hours flight before the coating on the polyester envelope wears out.

Occasionally there is enough tourist demand to send up 2 balloons simultaneously. The balloons leapfrog one over the other high up in space. When they collide, they bounce lightly away from each other. Langford started flying with gliders and

began ballooning in the mid-60s. In 1972, he started flying balloons at English agricultural shows. He has been in Kenya only since this year's ballooning season started in July.

On the 200th anniversary of the launching of the first air balloon next year, balloonists from round the globe will gather in France for the world's international hot air championships. Ever since the Montgolfier brothers launched their balloon more than a century before airplanes, balloons have been used to increase man's knowledge of the universe. The first aerial photographs were taken from balloons. Now pilotless balloons drift 150,000 to 180,000 feet above the ground to photograph the terrain below.

Balloons have also been used to deadly effect in war. In 1849, the Austrians used pilotless hot air balloons to bomb Venice. In the American Civil War both the Union and Confederate used them.

Today's use for balloons is a happier one: sport. Balloons take adventurers round the world or simply for a airy cruise over a few miles. There are 300 balloons in Britain and between 2,000 and 3,000 in the United States, estimates Langford.

Californians fight battle over garbage

By William Scobie

LOS ANGELES (LOS) — A 10-year battle between business and environmentalists comes to a head next month in California. The issue is litter: the seven billion cans and bottles Californians dump each year on highway and byway (that's about 15,000 a minute), and what to do about them.

Billions of dollars are at stake for the container and beverage industry, which sees the struggle as a kind of last stand against a movement that is steadily gaining ground across the United States.

The intent is simple enough: to impose a five-cent deposit on bottles and cans in the belief that consumers will be inspired to return their empties. Putting the idea into practice has proved tricky. Eight times in the past decade "bottle bills" have been pressed on the state legislature; eight times they have been defeated, thanks to the powerful industry lobby, which contributes generously to candidates for office.

This year environmental groups, in a coalition called "Californians Against Waste," collected half a million signatures to put the proposal, known as Proposition II, before voters on the Nov. 2 ballot. Pollsters say it looks like a winner.

"The big question," says Jan Grey, spokesman for the industry coalition Californians for Sensible Laws, "is whether Americans are willing to pay the gigantic hidden costs and live with the health problems such a law would create."

Not so, argues Ross Pumfrey of Californians Against Waste. "The real question is whether bottle bills will make America cleaner, and the evidence coming in from places that have tried it is that they do."

Nine states have followed the lead of Oregon, which passed the first bottle bill in 1973. "California's vote is crucial," says former Oregon Governor Tom McCall, an old container campaigner who oversaw passage of his state's bill. "California is the big-

gest, wealthiest state, the tail that wags the national dog. A win here, coming after our recent victory in New York, would greatly enhance chances for a national bill."

The industry fears just that. Before the campaign ends Kaiser Aluminum, Safeway and other big firms will have sunk some \$5 million into the drive to defeat Prop. II. That runs second only to the record \$7 million spent in 1978 by the tobacco industry to squish an anti-smoking measure.

Most of the money is going on television commercials, the final arbiter in so many Californian referendums of this kind. TV spots pay off: two months ago Prop. II had a 22-point advantage with voters. This week that lead had shrunk to eight points in the polls.

In this TV barrage, anti-11 forces claim support of several big unions and the entire grocery store trade. Californians are warned that passage will cost \$300 million in higher prices and lost jobs. Independent recyclers would "go out of business." "Mom and Pop" stores would be swamped with dirty bottles that would attract rats and "crawly things."

But when Pumfrey's group invited University of California researchers to analyze 158 studies on states which had passed bottle laws, the conclusion was that prices had risen little if at all, that although skilled jobs would be lost, unskilled jobs would increase, and that in every state litter had been sharply reduced. One federal study showed roadside litter cut by 80 percent — a saving in clean-up costs to Michigan state of \$15 million a year.

"A bounty on bottles and cans brought out an army of scavengers," says Pumfrey. "These are hard times, with unemployment up to 50 percent in some places. Salvage is a way to earn bucks."

Sponsors of Prop. II complain that industry is waging a "cynical campaign of distortion." One TV ad, featuring girl guides suggests that youth and neighborhood recycling groups will suffer as it takes over.

Antarctica adventure

By Brynne Brennan

BRASILIA (AP) — This tropical nation is preparing to make its mark on the frozen continent of Antarctica. "We're ready for this expedition," said Luiz Felipe de Macedo Soares, a counselor in the Foreign Ministry. "We've been planning it since 1975."

The ship, purchased from Denmark for \$3 million, is en route to Brazil. And the departure is set for late December, Macedo Soares said. Brazil and foreign diplomats say that the move to establish research bases and facilities will give the world's fifth largest ocean a voice in the future of Antarctica.

Brazil waited until 1975 to sign the 1959 treaty calling for peaceful cooperation in the 13-million-square-kilometer area. The treaty froze all territorial claims by France, Great Britain, Argentina, New Zealand, Australia and Chile.

"We delayed because of the money it took for the planning of our country," Macedo Soares said. "But last year we decided we couldn't delay anymore." Macedo Soares said figures were not available on the cost of the coming expedition. The Antarctica treaty ends and is up for renegotiation in 1991.

"It is important that we are included in this group that decides Antarctica's future," he said. But in order to be a part of that select group of 14, Brazil must show that it has an active interest in the area and is doing something about it. We are planning one expedition each year in the (southern hemisphere) summer."

On its first expedition, the ship, the *Bika Dede* (formerly the *Thale Dan*) will carry 60 to

70 scientists on a 50-day trip to set up a weather station. Brazil has said it does not want to claim land, but instead wants the area used for peaceful studies and exchanges of information.

Several countries, including the United States and Great Britain, have been courting Brazil, volunteering technical assistance in the upcoming expedition. Brazil, which has participated in Antarctic trips with Chile and Britain says it will make its first voyage alone.

A Western diplomat said the United States' offer is simply part of an existing scientific pact calling for exchanges between the two nations. "If there is to be an Antarctic power struggle, we want them on our side," a British diplomat said.

There had been reports that Brazil was going to buy the British ship the *Endurance*, which was later used in the war between Great Britain and Argentina over the Falkland Islands. "That was a mistake," said a British diplomatic source. "The *Endurance* was never really up for sale." The source also said Great Britain's fight for the Falklands and South Georgia Islands was in part to keep its South Atlantic claim to Antarctica.

There was some speculation earlier that Brazil's voyage to Antarctica would damage its sometimes shaky relations with neighboring Argentina. But South American diplomats say the move is now welcomed, especially by Argentina and Chile. Argentina and Chile have threatened to go to war over the Beagle Channel, at South America's far southern tip, where they have a boundary dispute. The diplomats said Brazil is seen as a mediator.

With works by over 30 artists

Brussels subway gains popularity as a huge art museum

By Henry Gottlieb

BRUSSELS (AP) — There's a Belgian art museum bigger than the Louvre, with more visitors than the Metropolitan in New York and far more underground space than King Tut's Tomb. It's so popular it's as crowded as a subway.

In fact it is the subway. In a drive to give an antiseptically clean and low-fare rapid transit system a touch of class, the government has paid some of Belgium's most famous artists to do their work on the walls and in the corridors of the Brussels Metro.

Thrown in with a 55-cent ride is a chance to see such works as a warm and sentimental Paul Delvaux cityscape over the escalator at the Stock Exchange station. Or a bronze horse and rider sculptor Rik Poot built in Hermann-Debrout depot as a homage to commuters of another age. With the opening of nine new stations this month the Brussels Metro is now a 40-kilometer network of art with an audience of 206 million daily riders a year.

The idea surfaced in Brussels in 1969 when the Ministry of Transport "thought of asking well-known Belgian artists to amuse, or at least to astonish, the traveling public in the subway," said Transport Minister Herman de Croo. The Brussels Metro system was just getting started and the aim was to offer the riding public "escape from the monotony of anonymous places." De Croo said.

A panel of experts with the power to disperse up to one percent of the construction cost of each station commissioned the works.

More than 30 artists have gone into action with great enthusiasm. The artwork is part of a strategy of giving the stations so much individual character and light that riders will think of them as buildings worthy of respect, rather than stark engineering works to be dirtied at will. That saves money on maintenance and cleaning.

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The well-lit stations are painted bright primary colors. The trains are a vivid orange. "We have a special anti-graffiti squad that roams the metro and as soon as they spot something written on the walls or cars they

attack with about 80 different types of cleaning fluid" said Leo Camerynck, a subway spokesman. "Nobody can leave his message for longer than 30 minutes."

Camerynck estimated it cost about \$10 million to buy, install, light and maintain the

subway art collection, but that it has doubled in value over the years. The extra money could come in handy. By the time the 61 station system is finished in 1986 its total cost will be nearly \$2 billion. Tickets only pay for one-fourth the costs and the government pays the rest.



SCULPTOR WITH MODEL: Kozak Stelkowski, who spent half his life carving a monument to Sioux Indian Chief Crazy Horse out of a granite mountain in the Black Hills, died last Wednesday. He is seen here in 1970 in front of a large, detailed model of Chief Crazy Horse.

So far, no one has suggested selling off the art collection to help meet bills and none of the artists has expressed a desire to see his work taken outside the underground "museum." Many of them wrote in a glossy exhibition catalogue they wanted to add light and diversion to the potentially depressing underground atmosphere or to "say" something meaningful about the gloom of 20th century urban life.

"I wanted to speak of the traveler who emerges from the ground each morning, and descends again every evening," said Pierre Caille, a leading Flemish sculptor whose 21 colorful marching woodcut figures adorn the botanical station. Jan Burssens painted an abstract pond over the tracks to help people in the rundown neighborhood near the station of Etangs Noir, Black Ponds. Imagine what the area might have looked like in ancient times.

Paul van Hoeydoock, whose tiny "Falleo Astroaut" sculpture was put on the moon by the Apollo 15 astronauts in 1971, suspended dolls in free-fall positions from the ceiling of the Court of Flanders stop.

The artistic constraints of working in a subway have occasionally been difficult. Artwork must be rugged enough to withstand the elements and vandals. So far there have been no major problems. The commission rejected Roger Raveel's platform painting at the Merode stop because they feared it would deteriorate over the grimy tracks. They found another space for him upstairs near the ticket booth.

Vic Gentils, a leading member of the new Flemish school, said metro officials were horrified when they saw his drawings for a mural over the tracks at Thieffry. It showed gendarmes quelling a workers' demonstration with fixed bayonets. "It was given to understand that such a subject was unthinkable in a Belgian subway station," Gentils wrote in the catalogue. They accepted his second idea, a 18.6 square-meter set of lighted mirrors that bathe the station in a golden glow.

Seoul taxi row generates heat

By Edwin Q. White

SEOUL (AP) — *Hapsung* is a Korean word that in translation comes out roughly as "joint riding." It might not seem like the material of controversy, but it is an issue that is generating heat in this South Korean capital. A month ago, the authorities declared an end to *Hapsung* as it had been practiced for decades by the country's taxi drivers. Stiff fines and operational suspensions were decreed for violators. Similar bans had been tried in past years, but were largely disregarded and abandoned.

This time, the authorities said, it was for real, there would be no more picking up of several fares going in the same general direction. It would be one fare, one passenger or one group together getting aboard at the same place and going to the same destination. There would be no more staggered pickups and haggling over who paid how much for what part of the ride.

The penalties imposed, along with strict police surveillance, appear to have been in large part successful, setting off an outcry from the frustrated who find it more difficult than ever to get from one point to another in this city, where the population recently was reported to have topped the 9 million mark.

Already overcrowded buses have become more crowded, long lines at public transport points have become longer, and taxis under the no-share restriction harder to hail.

The No-*Hapsung* orders have brought an outcry. Letters to the editor have accused the authorities of favoring the elite, those who can afford the larger, more expensive call taxis, those who have chauffeur-driven vehicles or those who own private cars and face nothing more serious in getting about than the normal traffic snarls.

One foreigner wrote that "nowadays after we catch the taxi we find it speeding twice as fast as they used to so that they can quickly get new passengers." The author noted that one reason given for the ban on *Hapsung* was to improve Korea's image before the 1988 summer Olympic Games.

Despite pressure from world bodies

French refuse data on cancer in Pacific

By Stephen Foley

AUCKLAND (Depthnews) — French authorities in Tahiti are refusing to disclose health statistics to an internationally sponsored cancer register for the South Pacific. Their refusal, according to critics of France's continued nuclear testing in the region, is an attempt to cover up the effects the testing is having on islanders.

Unofficial sources in Tahiti claim there has been an alarming increase in leukemia (cancer of the blood) and other cancers as a result of more than 80 tests in the past 16 years. An upsurge in thyroid tumors has also occurred among islanders, the sources say.

Professor Brian Henderson of the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, has been collating data from New Caledonia, Fiji, Western Samoa and Papua New Guinea for the first Pacific cancer register. The South Pacific Commission, a multinational body of islands and major powers (including France), endorsed the study, and the United States Institute of Health provided finance.

Despite pressure from bodies such as the World Health Organization and members of the South Pacific Commission, France refuses to provide details about the health of its Polynesian dependants. A tumor register is being kept in Tahiti but, unlike its Pacific neighbors, French Polynesia is not disclosing the data to outside researchers.

The French Socialist government of President Mitterrand, which promised a new "frankness" about nuclear testing in the South Pacific, has shown it is just as committed to secrecy as its predecessor.

A rise in the incidence of cancer has been observed by opponents of the nuclear program in French Polynesia and by a Paris journalist who investigated claims that its continuation was having a harmful effect. Further concern has been expressed by leaders of Tahiti's independence movement. Maohi, who have since been jailed. Maohi's followers include workers at the Mururoa test site who have been stricken and nurses who tend other sufferers in Tahiti's military-run hospitals.

In an interview with *The Age* from Auckland, the self-described prime minister of the provisional government, Tamatea Taero, said: "We believe the only way to stop (the illness) is to stop the testing." Three days after his return to Papeete with the president of Maohi, both leaders, together with their provisional cabinet and about 30 supporters, were arrested and jailed. Scientists monitoring the rate of cancer in islanders say they are unable to tell from the statistics so far assembled whether there is a link with the testing.

Significantly, though, the cancers found in Polynesians have also been found in post-radiation-exposed populations, in particular

among survivors of the atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. This was confirmed by New Zealand doctors who have been treating privately cancer sufferers from both Tahiti and the Cook Islands since the early 1970s.

Information giving the causes of death has not been published in official journals in Tahiti since 1963 — before the establishment of the Center d'Experimentations du Pacifique (CEP) and the first detonation in 1966. The ban has been upheld by the islands' hospitals, which are controlled by military doctors.

The *Age*, at the request of health authorities in Tahiti, put written questions to the islands' chief medical officer, Dr. Jean-Pierre Rzejbe. Questions have also been teleaxed to the French ambassador in Canberra, Jean-Bernard Merimee. Neither communication has been answered. Most of the islands' cancer cases are sent to France, where they are widely dispersed for treatment in public, private and military hospitals.

A French journalist, Luis Gonzalez-Mata, has claimed that about 50 Polynesians were sent to Paris on a military plane. All were suffering from brain cancer, he said. Those flown to France were mostly under 35. At the time atmospheric tests were being conducted, they were aged between 15 and 20. (France abandoned atmospheric tests in 1974 after a world outcry and since then has conducted explosions underground at Mururoa Atoll.)

Gonzalez-Mata also claimed that records held by the secretary of state in Paris showed that 50 patients were sent there in 1976, about 70 in 1980 and 72 in early 1981. More than half of the "bad cancer, according to these reports. The Gonzalez-Mata findings were published in the magazine *Actual* and were reprinted in the Tahitian magazine *Scope*. Of the 19 he tracked down in Tahiti after their return from Paris, Gonzalez-Mata said that 10 would need to return to France for more operations in three years.

The French authorities' unwillingness to cooperate with the South Pacific Commission and other health agencies is a continuing source of frustration to researchers. One scientist said: "I find them second only to the Russians in terms of difficulty in extracting information."

Many of those patients not sent to France go privately to New Zealand for treatment at Dunedin hospital. They include both natives of Tahiti and the Cook Islands and colonial administrators born in France who have been living in the islands for many years.

The nuclear protest organization Greenpeace says the numbers are restricted so as not to arouse concern. "They're the tip of the iceberg," a spokesman in Auckland said.

The chief health statistician for the NZ Department of Health, Dr. Frank Foster, agreed that the cases recorded there might not be the complete picture. "We could not guarantee whether the people we see are the only people suffering from cancer in the islands," he said.

Dr. Foster provided *The Age* with a breakdown of the cancer cases treated in New Zealand:

Year	Tahitians	Cook Islanders
1975	10	4
1976	21	4
1977	17	3
1978	19	2

Leukemia, the cancer usually associated with exposure to radiation, did not appear in any of the NZ-treated cases, Dr. Foster said. But without knowing the true extent of cancer among the islanders it was difficult to judge what effect, if any, testing was having on the population, he said.

The NZ information is being fed to the UCLA cancer register. The register was set up to try to identify the cause of certain cancers in isolated communities and whether they were related to the environment.

Henderson said the Tahitians had started their own cancer register "but they are not enthusiastic about sharing their information." Dr. Taylor said the commission hoped to publish a comprehensive study of cancer next year. Professor Henderson said the information so far provided showed rates of cancer in Polynesians that were uncommon in other developing nations.

Another Look

First humor columnist poll

By Robert Voalman

The First Annual Poll of Topical Humor Columnists has just been completed and the results are more than eye-opening if less than mind-boggling.

All of the standard polling procedures were employed. The results are subject to a margin of error of 22 points either way — an unusually large margin due to the difficulty encountered in pinning humor columnists down to serious replies.

Question No. 1: If you were in a position to draft any two political figures to run for president and vice president in 1984, which two would you choose?

Richard Nixon and Spiro Agnew were the overwhelming favorites. The reason can be summed up by quoting one respondent: "Humor columns practically wrote themselves when Nixon and Agnew were in power. Those bizarre years provided a surfeit of raw material. We had some good stuff under Ford and Carter — and the Reagan crowd looks more promising every day — but if someone launched a 'Draft Nixon and Agnew Movement' you can bet every humor columnist would instantly volunteer to help."

A small minority (13 percent) chose other candidates for the two jobs. Names mentioned most often were Harold Stassen, Eugene McCarthy, Jesse Helms, Alf Landon, and Nelson Rockefeller.

Question No. 2: What public figure in this country provided you with the most amusing column material in recent months?

There was only a slim consensus on this one. A mere 34 percent of the respondents named Energy Secretary James Edwards, the former dentist who, over the protests of peace groups in this country and abroad, presided over an underground nuclear test on the anniversary of the atomization of Hiroshima.

Edwards said that the test explosion, which was seven times as powerful as the one that killed 92,000 Japanese in 1945, was "exciting."

Other respondents named Ronald Reagan ("for his ability to divert voters' attention from the arms race, nuclear proliferation, poverty, unemployment, spreading fanaticism, overpopulation and other urgent issues to things like school prayer, abortion, and the death penalty"); the economist Herbert Stein, "who took up a third of a *Wall Street Journal* editorial page

in July to explain why we weren't in a recession"; and the White House official came up with the phrase "revenue enhancement" as a substitute for "tax increase."

Question No. 3: What public figure abroad provided you with the most amusing column material in recent months?

Prime Minister Begin of Israel was named by a wide margin — 56 percent — with the remaining 14 percent going to Polish leader Jaruzelski, Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini, Libya's ruler Qaddafi, Soviet President Brezhnev, and for reasons that weren't made clear by the respondents, Andorra's head of government, Syndic Estanislao Sangra Font.

Most of those who cited Begin included among their reasons (to quote one respondent) "his ability, with a straight face, to claim that a recession is a jackass, or vice versa. He told Congressmen in Washington that the invasion of Lebanon 'wasn't an invasion,' and, while reducing half of it to rubble, said that Beirut isn't a city."

Question No. 4: Several Democrats have been mentioned as possible candidates for the presidential race in 1984. Which one could you support enthusiastically?

If we discard obviously fabulous replies (the 82-year-old Congressman Claude Pepper; for example, and ex-Senator Harrison Williams, who was convicted of bribery in the Abscam scandal), we end up with an astonishing result: There are no potential Democratic candidates who would be supported enthusiastically by the nation's humor columnists! To quote one respondent: "The Democrats aren't bad enough to be a source of humor, and they aren't good enough to be supported for any other reason."

Question No. 5: On what one element do you depend most as a source of humor?

This was the only other question that obtained a unanimous answer: Every respondent replied, "The voters." As one columnist put it: "If the voters weren't so lazy and dimwitted our public officials would be too honest and competent to ridicule. The funniest part of all is that voters send a bunch of clowns to Congress and then blame all of their troubles on congressmen. But we can't use that angle. It would be dangerous to make fun of the people who read our columns."

TAP WATER SCALDS



Dear Dr. Steincrohn: I have a dear friend who was very careful when her 4-year-old was in or around their pool. She never took her eyes off him. As a result, he was never in danger of drowning. Yet, this same friend was careless running the tap water in the bathtub. One day, she left him for "a minute." When she returned, he was terribly scalded. She rushed him to the emergency room and he was patient in the hospital for three weeks. Fortunately, he recovered. How often do you get letters like this? — Mrs. M.

Dear Mrs. M.: Not often enough. Warnings like yours should prevent many scalding accidents. Each year, over 2,500 persons are treated in hospital emergency rooms for tap water scalds — most involve bathtubs, showers or sinks. Many are severe. Some are fatal. The usual victims are those under age 5 and over age 65. Children who are left unattended usually fell or climbed into a bathtub of scalding water. Or, they were playing with the hot water faucet. The hot water heater thermostat should be turned to the lowest setting that will allow household hot water needs. A setting of 120-125 degrees Fahrenheit will prevent many severe burns. One estimate is that 80 percent of homes have their water heaters set at dangerously high temperatures. Call your electric or gas company for instructions. In some areas, the local electric and gas company will adjust the heater without charge.

To repeat your warning, Mrs. M.: Mothers should test the baby's bathwater; never leave the child alone in the bathroom — especially when in the bathtub. Even adults should protect themselves by

testing the bath water before entering a bathtub or shower.

MEDICALETTES

(Replies to and from readers):

For Mrs. Y.: Here are a few more tips on vitamins: To cut down on vitamin waste, use a minimum of water when cooking. Cook for a short time at high temperature. Presoaking, boiling or simmering vegetables leaves many vitamins in the cooking pot. If you take vitamin supplements, take them right after meals. Keep them tightly capped and stored in a cool, dry place, away from direct sunlight.

In reply to your question about vitamins A and B-1: Vitamin A is essential for good vision when the light is dim. It prevents dry skin. And B-1 helps digestion and proper function of the nervous system.

For Mr. F.: Yes, solvent sniffing can be a terrible problem. For example, gasoline, acetone, lacquer thinner are only a few solvents that can be abused. For example, cements are being used by young juvenile sniffers quite frequently. These contain acetone, toluene. Lighters and cleaning fluids are other sources. Thousands of adolescents all over the world are deliberately inhaling these vapors to induce inebriation. Among 300 boys in an Arizona industrial school, 66 admitted inhaling glue and 102 said they inhaled gasoline. Many children try sniffing because it is the current fad of their peer group and quit. But others continue — and may get into serious trouble. Children should be warned that sniffing may destroy the nervous system, liver or kidneys. Some have convulsions and heart symptoms. Children who become erratic behavior problems should be suspected by their parents of being sniffers.

By Peter J.

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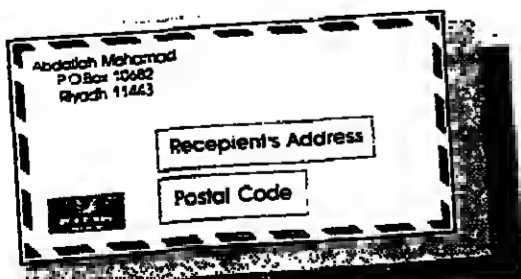
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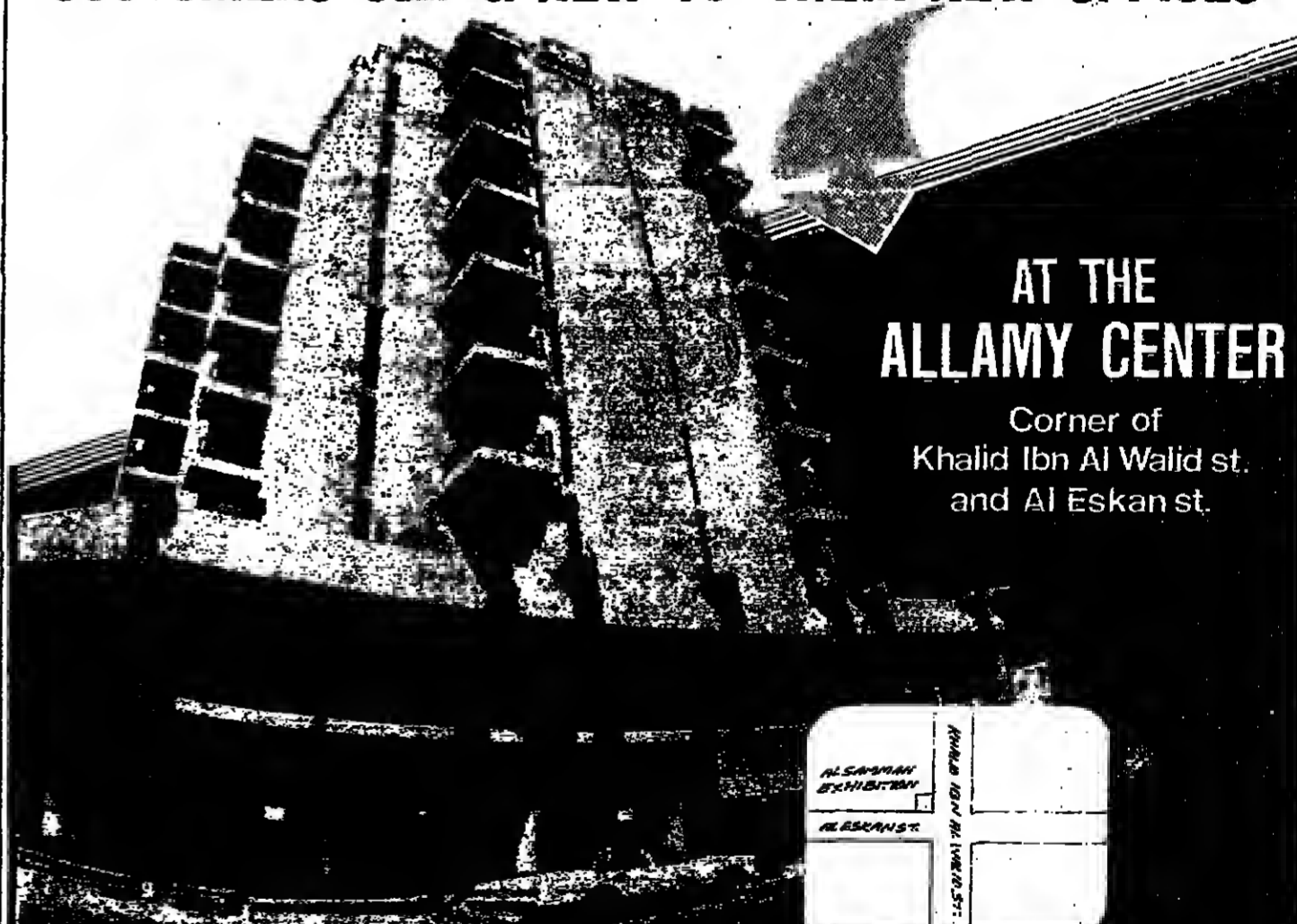
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U.S. president plans Latin American tour

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26 (AP) — U.S. President Ronald Reagan will make a five-day visit to Brazil, Colombia and Costa Rica beginning Nov. 30, seeking to demonstrate U.S. interest in Latin America after relations were damaged by the Falkland Islands conflict.

The president's plans were announced Monday evening at the White House, where a senior official said the trip would focus on the hemisphere's economic recovery, its future in the wake of the Falklands fighting last spring, and "continuing security threats in the hemisphere."

Reagan will leave Washington on Nov. 30. He will spend Dec. 1 and 2 in Brazil, Dec. 3 in Colombia, an Dec. 4 in Costa Rica. He will return to Washington on the evening of Dec. 4.

French to raise Exocet production

PARIS, Oct. 26 (R) — The French state firm Aerospatiale plans to increase production of the Exocet missile, which the Argentine Air Force used to sink two British vessels during the Falklands War, the company's missile division chief Michel Allier said Tuesday.

"We are moving to 25 Exocets a month beginning next year, compared with 18 in 1982, owing to a big demand from many countries," he told reporters.

Allier said more than 2,000 missiles of the Exocet family had been sold to the naval forces of many countries, including France, Britain, West Germany and Argentina. Since the Falklands War, 450 have been ordered, he added.

The administration official portrayed the visit to Brazil as an opportunity to take advantage of the continuing improvement in U.S. ties with the most developed nation in the hemisphere.

He said that the U.S. relations with Brazil had reached their lowest point when disputes over human rights and nuclear non-proliferation led Brazil to cancel a military assistance plan with the United States in 1977.

"There has been significant improvement since then," the official said. "We think our relationship with Brazil is something that does bear close cultivation." He said that allegations of human rights abuses "have largely dropped off."

The nuclear power disagreement dealt with the safeguards applied to fuel for a U.S.-produced reactor. The official said the United States agreed that the fuel could be purchased outside of the United States and that Brazil would therefore not have to apply the U.S.-required safety procedures.

The three countries are rarely visited by U.S. presidents. Before Jimmy Carter visited Brazil, the previous U.S. president to tour there was Dwight D. Eisenhower, in 1960. John F. Kennedy visited Colombia in 1961, and Lyndon Johnson stopped in Costa Rica in 1968. Costa Rica is considered the purest democracy in Latin America and has been a focus of administration policy there.

Colombia is a pro-Western democracy that has been supportive of American policy in Central America, among other areas.

Since taking office 21 months ago, Reagan has visited Canada twice and traveled last June to Paris, Rome, London, Bonn and Berlin.

Domestic issues worry Atlantic states

PARIS, Oct. 26 (AP) — Despite the high-level hickering between Washington and its European allies over basic East-West military and economic strategy, most ordinary people on both sides of the Atlantic are more concerned about domestic issues, according to a major poll published Monday.

The poll, devised by the *International Herald Tribune* and the Atlantic Institute and conducted by the Louis Harris Organization, indicated that in general unemployment, inflation and crime were more worrisome than international affairs, although significant concern also was expressed over the threat of war.

It also showed that the sometimes acrimonious relations between the United States and Western Europe have not affected public opinion significantly except in France, where nearly half those questioned blamed U.S. economic policy for increasing international tension.

The poll, which attempts for the first time to measure public sentiment on key issues on both sides of the Atlantic simultaneously found that concern over unemployment topped all other categories, usually by a

wide margin.

The eight countries surveyed were Britain, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Spain, the United States and West Germany.

The country most concerned with joblessness was Spain, where 75 percent of those questioned listed it as their "greatest" worry, the poll showed. At the low end was the United States, where 42 percent listed it at the top. But that figure still represented the largest area of concern in America.

Sixty-two percent of Italians questioned listed crime as their greatest concern. Norway, where lawlessness is traditionally low, registered only a 16 percent concern over crime as the greatest threat to themselves and their country. In the United States, it was listed at the top by 35 percent, Britain 40 percent and the Netherlands 45 percent.

Inflation topped the list for half of all French people polled. France's nagging price spiral has forced the Socialist government to abandon its expansionist economic policies in favor of an austerity program.

Only the Netherlands, where nine percent listed inflation at the top seemed unconcerned. Inflation was the most worri-

some for 28-50 percent of those questioned in the other countries. The threat of war was uppermost for 42 percent of those polled in Italy, France and Spain, and nuclear weapons topped the list for 49 percent in the Netherlands, 40 percent in Norway and 32 percent in West Germany.

The poll pointed out that it was a mistake to talk about "European public opinion" because divergences were often as great between European nations as between Europe and the United States.

One major difference between U.S. and European opinion was over Western Europe's share of Western security. Sixty-eight percent of Americans polled felt the Europeans were not shouldering enough of the burden, while a majority of Western Europeans said they thought their contribution was "about the right amount," the poll said.

The poll was conducted during the last two weeks in September. National samples ranged from 900 to 1,350 persons in each country. Multiple answers were possible so the total of percentages exceeded 100 percent in some cases.

Carter won't run again, but backs Mondale

LONDON, Oct. 26 (AP) — Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter said he will back his former Vice President Walter Mondale ahead of Sen. Edward Kennedy in the coming race for the 1984 Democratic Party presidential nomination.

Speaking at a London news conference, Carter said "I have a strong confidence and knowledge of the capabilities and general philosophy of Vice President Mondale, and it is much more compatible with my own philosophy and attitude than Sen. Kennedy." Recalling the 1980 election campaign,

Carter said that Kennedy "has a remarkable ability to have public support for a primary nomination, but even among his own supporters there is a fading away of support when the prospect arises that he might actually be president of our country, and actually serve in the White House. 'I think part of that would be because of his background.' He did not elaborate.

Carter said he is "by far the best person to be president of our country," but he has no intention of running for the White House again. Asked why he didn't want to be president again, Carter replied: "I didn't say I didn't want to be president again, but I say I don't have any intention of running for president again. 'If I were appointed president,

perhaps, but I don't have any ambition to run for president."

In Europe on a private trip, Carter praised Reagan's Mideast policies and said he "strongly objected" to Israel's invasion of Lebanon. He called the massacre of Palestinians in Beirut "horrible and repulsive and contrary to human decency" and hoped "the culprits will be identified and appropriate punishment will be levied."

Carter said it was "fruitless" for the Reagan administration to pursue any further its dispute with Western Europe over the Siberian natural gas pipeline. "It has been a case for dividing us from our allies and friends in Europe," he said.

Foreign policy shift confuses—Haig

DORADO, Puerto Rico, Oct. 26 (AP) — Former U.S. Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig says American foreign policy has been weighed down by moving from "one standard of philosophical notions to another" every four to eight years.

Refusing to comment directly on the apparent policy conflict that caused him to leave his post earlier this year, Haig observed that "such cycles generate confusion and uncertainty, not only among our friends, but among those who do not share our goals." Haig spoke Monday to U.S. magazine publishers meeting here.

In a question-and-answer period, he said: "I don't like to give report cards to presidents I've worked for" and "no I am not planning to run for president."

On U.S. foreign policy, he said that "a successful foreign policy demands a balance" between the political party in power and professionals in the U.S. State Department. "This is why I've always been a proponent of a strong voice from the professional, the careerist in policy-making," Haig said.

"It (the professional) is the finger that prevents the repetition of mistakes in the cycles of four years," apparently referring to the cycle of presidential elections in the United States.

Haig said Europe was suffering from what he called "a profound schizophrenia" because of the fear "we will confine a (nuclear) conflict and the cost of that conflict on their soil only" and "a concern of new systems on Western European soil."

Leftists isolate Salvador areas

SAN SALVADOR, Oct. 26 (AP) — Leftist rebels attacked the capital of remote northeastern Morazan province Monday and set up roadblocks that isolated much of eastern El Salvador.

Guerrillas entrenched in nearby hills sprayed automatic rifle fire early Monday on the outskirts of San Francisco Gotera, Morazan's capital, a national guard commander said. He said the rebels also attacked the town of 12,600 persons on Sunday night, but no one was reported wounded in either raid.

The commander described both attacks as harassment tactics aimed at the local security forces.

Guerrillas fighting the rightist government blocked traffic Monday near San Pedro Arenales 68 miles east of the capital on a spur road connecting the pan-American and coastal highways. They demanded war taxes and ordered drivers to turn back, a gas station owner in nearby Usulután said.

Government troops on Sunday fought an hour-long battle with rebels 15 miles west of the site, at Tierra Blanca on the coastal highway, he said.

A convoy of gasoline trucks that left San Salvador on the coastal highway for Usulután, 66 miles to the southeast, had not arrived Monday morning because of a snail-like pace by drivers wary of guerrilla attacks, said the station owner, who asked not to be identified.

Bus service to Usulután remained suspended for the sixth straight day because of guerrilla threats to destroy any vehicle traveling the highway. Bus company officials said guerrillas have told drivers to stay off the road until the end of October.

Club of Rome meets

TOKYO, Oct. 26 (AP) — The Club of Rome opened a three-day session in Tokyo Tuesday to explore reforms in industrial society, automation in an era of information, and population patterns.

The club, an international gathering of intellectuals, organized this year's symposium in Tokyo to assess global problems and choices as the 21st century approaches. Club President Aurelio Peccei of Italy wrote in a message to the conference that "the human system is endangered by its inner rigidity and congenial resistance to change."

In its 14-year history, the club has tried to "treat the illnesses of the world by identifying the problems, publishing warnings, and studying the issues and their ramifications," said the club's Japan committee head, Koji Kobayashi, in a keynote speech.

The group's forums have examined issues including energy, the environment, the North-South gap, and contradictions between various social systems, he said.

The club also has published several reports including "The Limits to Growth" and "Mankind at the Turning Point." It held its last major conference in Caracas, Venezuela, in June 1981.

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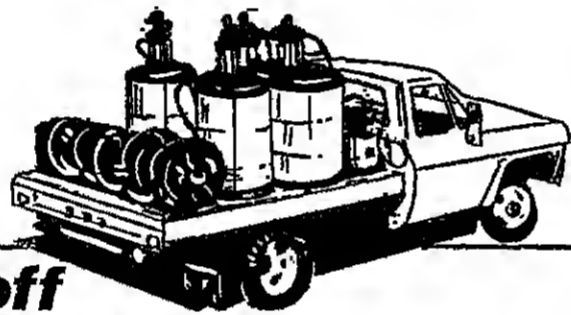
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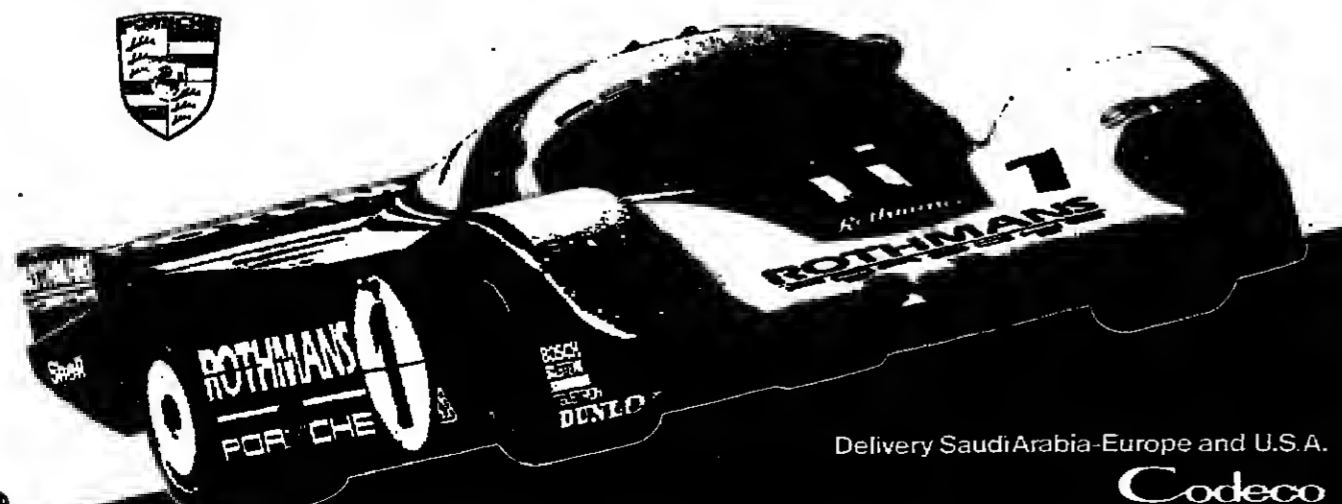
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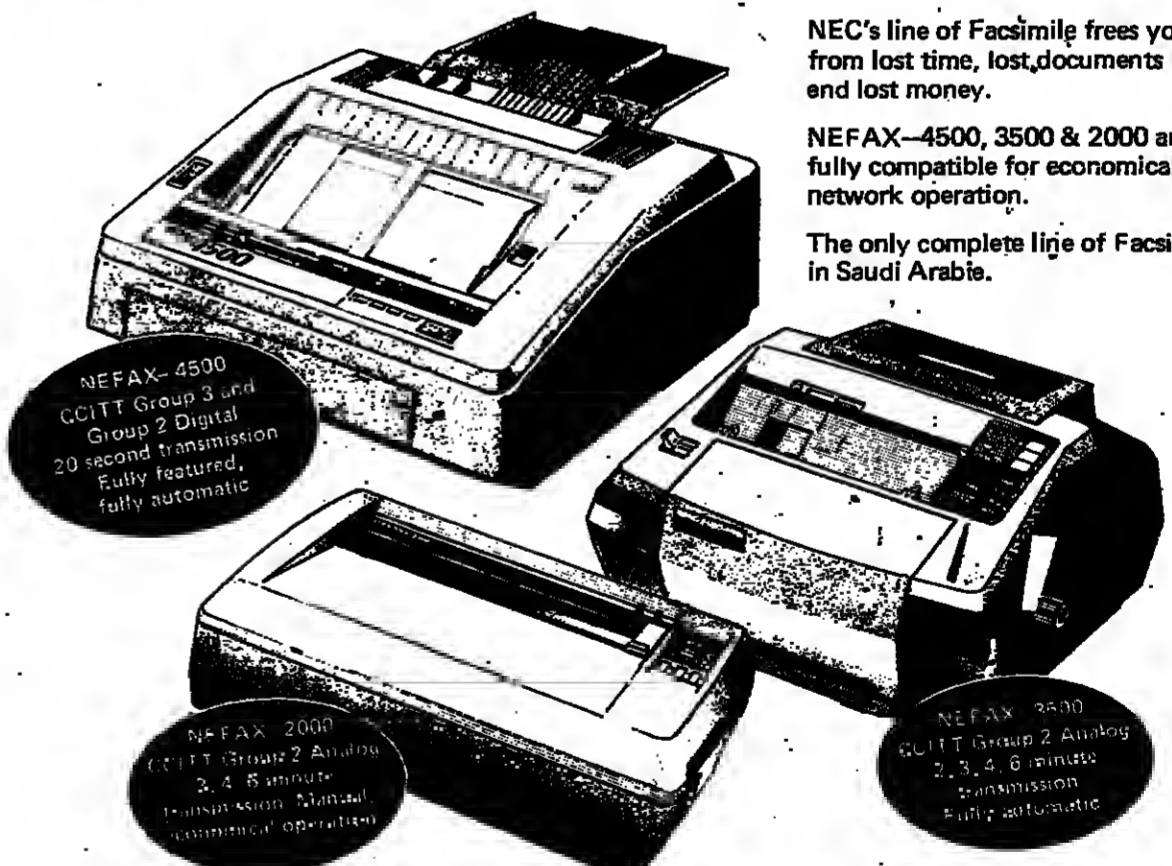
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Accuse U.S. of militarizing space

Soviets urge satellite parleys

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 26 (AP) — The Soviet Union challenged the United States on Monday to resume talks, aimed at keeping the two countries from destroying each other's satellites.

Speaking to a General Assembly committee, Vladimir Petrovsky, a Soviet Foreign Ministry official, also accused the United States of recently "working extensively to militarize space" and praised the peaceful space achievements of the American astronauts who were the first to go to the moon.

"The substance of the problem is the prevention of the whole of the arms race in outer space," Petrovsky said. Anti-satellite systems could be included in overall discussions of that problem, he added.

"At the same time, I am empowered to confirm the Soviet Union's readiness to resume negotiations with the United States on anti-satellite systems," he continued. "Thus, it is now for the United States to respond."

Petrovsky made his statements to the assembly's political and security committee. The United States, which is to speak on Wednesday, made no immediate comment on the offer, but a U.S. delegate said it contained nothing new.

The anti-satellite systems are designed to destroy satellites of other countries. The satellites are important in verification of arms control agreements, early warning of attacks and intelligence.

Three rounds of anti-satellite system talks were held in 1978 and 1979, with the last

Afraid of beating, they jump to death

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, Oct. 26 (AP) — A 13-year-old boy and his 5-year-old sister jumped to their deaths from an eighth-floor window because they were afraid of getting into trouble, the Belgrade newspaper *Politika* reported Tuesday.

The paper said Boban and Suzana Predic from the Yugoslav town of Bor, 90 miles southeast of here, left a note Monday saying they were afraid of a beating because they dirtied a carpet in their parents' bedroom.

ending a short time before the Soviet Union sent troops into Afghanistan. After U.S. President Ronald Reagan took office in 1980, he ordered a review of all arms control negotiations.

The United States which says it has no anti-satellite system, says it is virtually impossible to determine whether the Soviet system was dismantled. Until a verification system is found, the United States says there is no reason to talk.

A major promoter of disarmament issues in the United Nations, the Soviet Union has proposed a treaty to prohibit weapons in outer space, including those that might be carried on reusable space vehicles such as the U.S. space shuttle.

The political and security committee is considering the 23 disarmament-related items on the 139-item agenda for the assembly's three-month session. All U.N. members are on the committee and their speeches may refer to any of the subjects it is discussing.

Meanwhile, the Kremlin accused the U.S. State Department of "arrogant chauvinism and great power ambitions" for arranging a conference on fostering democracy in Communist countries.

Peking names new navy chief

PEKING, Oct. 26 (R) — Communist China named a new navy chief in what Western diplomatic sources described as a further attempt to modernize its armed forces. The New China News Agency announced Tuesday the appointment of Liu Huaqing in a report on Peking celebrations to mark last week's successful Chinese test of a submarine-launched ballistic missile.

Liu, a rear admiral until China abolished military ranks in 1965, previously held the posts of deputy chief of staff in the People's Liberation Army (PLA) and vice minister of science and technology. He replaces Yeh Fei, 68, who was known to have been in poor health.

The diplomatic sources said the appointment indicated the determination of the Chinese leadership under party strongman Deng Xiaoping to modernize the PLA. Deng's previous efforts to do so have been resisted by military veterans, many in their 70s or 80s, who refuse to make way for younger officers. Liu's appointment was the second major change in the military leadership since last month's 12th Communist Party congress where Deng's pragmatic reform policies carried the day.

BRIEFS

NAIROBI, (R) — Troops shot dead a 61-year-old American, William Allen Wayt, when he tried enter the residence of Kenyan President Daniel Arap Moi, police sources said Tuesday. Wayt, from Columbus, Ohio, was a consultant to a Kenyan state-linked agricultural firm. The police sources said he failed to stop when challenged by troops guarding the presidential residence. One guard was wounded when his colleagues opened fire, the sources added.

STOCKHOLM, (R) — Fifty-eight traffic wardens appeared in court here charged with stealing 6.6 million crowns (\$842,000) in one-crown (14-cent) coins from parking meters. Police said since the 58 were suspended in August the weekly intake of parking fees in Stockholm had more than doubled from 200,000 crowns (\$27,000). The prosecution said the highest single sum stolen was 750,000 crowns and the lowest 2,000. The charges relate to the period Jan. 1, 1979, to Aug. 20, 1982.

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, (AP) — The government on Monday closed the Christian Democrat news magazine *Opcion*, accusing it of being "the mouthpiece for illegal political groups." The magazine had announced last week the creation of a national commission to encourage casting of black ballots in intra-party elections scheduled for Nov. 28.

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U.S. launches bid to block sea treaty

LONDON, Oct. 26 (R) — The United States has begun a major effort to persuade allied nations to reject a U.N. treaty which it says would restrict seabed mining by private firms.

Presidential special envoy Donald Rumsfeld explained the U.S. case to French President Francois Mitterrand in Paris and later flew to London for a meeting with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. U.S. officials said.

The Reagan administration announced in July that it would refuse to sign the law of the sea treaty, which was approved by 130 nations in April after eight years of negotiations.

Rumsfeld, a former defense secretary, was asked by President Reagan to lobby internationally against the treaty. He arrived in Paris Sunday for a European tour.

The United States has welcomed treaty provisions on free navigation and territorial limits, but says other clauses favor the Third

World in the exploration of valuable mineral resources. Britain says it is still studying the text and conferring with other governments. "We have not made up our minds yet," an official at Mrs. Thatcher's office said. The treaty will be open for signature in December and will become law when it is ratified by 60 governments.

When negotiations ended in April, the United States voted against while 17 countries, including Britain, West Germany, Italy and the Netherlands abstained. France and Japan voted in favor. Private companies in many Western countries have extensive interests in ocean mining operations.

U.S. sources said Rumsfeld would also visit West Germany and Italy and possibly other countries. The European Commission, executive body of the 10-nation European Common Market, has recommended member states to sign the treaty, but British officials said it was for each country to make its own decision.

Gold glitters & glows anew

LONDON, Oct. 26 (AFP) — The gold rate could soon rise to some \$500 an ounce and then more slowly to 700, commodity brokers G.W. Joynton said here.

The firm noted that bullion was finding it hard to rise above \$450 (today's starting rate in London was around \$438) but several factors could provide a lift shortly.

1) The cracks that appeared in September in the international banking system have been papered over. "The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has shelved the problem of world liquidity and it would not be surprising if another bout of 'failures' breaks out in the not too distant future."

2) American financial strategy seems to be floundering at times. "There is always the possibility the administration will inject some stimulus into the economy, if for no other reason than that of political expediency, a higher rate of inflation being the lesser of two evils compared with a further deepening of the recession."

3) Whereas last year there was a consumption gap of 51 tons, this year world gold output would be 220 tons short, not counting Soviet sales and hoarding.

4) A longer term factor would be a slowdown in output by South Africa. Last year's figure was 658 tons and output could drop to 570 tons by 1990.

G.W. Joynton said: "The above factors, to which could be added the fear that the Reagan administration could allow the

money supply to expand, leading to increased rate of inflation, convinced me that gold at current levels is sound long-term investment!"

UAE keeps oil output at 1.15m bpd

ABU DHABI, Oct. 26 (R) — The United Arab Emirates (UAE) oil output is running at around 1.15 million barrels per day (bpd) or around the same level in force since April after an OPEC agreement on output quotas, industry sources said.

Adma-Opco, which operates offshore Abu Dhabi fields, said at a press conference that its output was halved to 250,000 bpd from a previous ceiling of 500,000.

Press reports said this implied a cut in total UAE output to something like 750,000 bpd, but the industry sources and an Adma-Opco official said the 250,000 bpd ceiling came into effect in April when total UAE output was reduced to meet the OPEC quota.

In another development on the oil front, Indian Energy Minister Shiv Shankar said India will achieve its 1982-83 oil production target of 20.5 million tons (410,000 bpd). Output for 1981-82 ended March was 16.2 million tons.

He told a press conference that so far this calendar year there has been a decrease in oil imports of over 2 million tons (40,000 bpd), resulting in a saving of 6 billion rupees in foreign exchange. India imported 15.5 million tons in 1981. India is now producing more than half its domestic oil requirements. It expects to import 288,000 bpd during 1982, Shankar announced this summer.

EEC wrangles over butter sales to Soviets

BRUSSELS, Oct. 26 (ONS) — Another European Common Market row over whether to sell cheap butter to the Soviet Union has given the lie to the EEC's assertion that its notorious food mountains no longer exist.

Finding an economic and politically acceptable way of disposing of the vast and growing dairy surplus has eluded the European Commission, which has postponed a decision on the butter-to-Russia plan until Agriculture Commissioner Poul Dalsager has costed out the idea.

Two years of work in Brussels aimed at cutting down food surpluses by radical changes in the Common Agricultural Policy have been unsuccessful: continuing high prices paid to farmers have encouraged further surpluses large enough to alarm even the European Commission. And next year's dairy production is set for an increase five or six times greater than that forecast by the EEC's agricultural directorate in Brussels.

The panic engendered by the prospect of

a bigger butter mountain inspired Dalsager to refloat the idea of subsidized sales to the USSR, an idea which already had the approval of the French minister for agriculture, Edith Cresson. "Without sales to Russia," Dalsager told the commission, "we cannot meet our costs." Occasional sales of butter to the Soviet Union embarrassed the EEC in the past, and the sales were stopped in the early months of 1980 when the Russians invaded Afghanistan.

Now the 13-man commission is torn between the temptation to resume sales (allegedly at less expense to the EEC budget than getting rid of the butter on the European market) and doing what is politically decent.

Christopher Tugendhat, senior British commissioner in charge of the budget, told me: "What we want is to give our people a fair share of what is available rather than selling it at knock-down prices to the Russians. We want sales to the USSR to be the last resort rather than the starting point."

Thousands want to flee Hong Kong in jitters over Chinese takeover

HONG KONG, Oct. 26 (AP) — Fears are mounting that the Chinese Communists are coming to take over, and some people in this financial center are already devising ways to cut their losses. Just a month ago, Chang Sung, a 51-year-old former refugee from China who made his fortune in real estate, was a contented man. Now he plans to unload his assets and leave.

Ng Wai-Lung, 27, a computer salesman, is willing to leave his new job if he can settle elsewhere. The two are among thousands who want to flee this British colony. Once a barren rock, it has become one of the world's most glamorous cities by dint of liberal trade policies and the ingenuity and hard work of its people.

Fears of a possible Chinese takeover heightened after late September when a bitter dispute over Hong Kong's sovereignty emerged during British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's visit to Peking.

The consensus among Chinese here before her meetings with Chinese leaders

appeared to be that a compromise would be worked out for the British to run this colony after 1997 — the year the lease on the new territories expires — or that China would make Hong Kong a special economic or administrative zone operating under a capitalist system.

The dispute has snapped the fabric of general confidence, caused a massive outflow of capital and a sharp slump in the value of land and stock market shares. The question now, according to many of the Chinese here who comprise 99 percent of the colony's residents, is when China will reclaim Hong Kong. Before or after 1997?

Few think China will seize Hong Kong by force, but many believe a takeover through negotiations is a distinct possibility. Under three treaties signed with the imperial Chinese government during the 19th century, Hong Kong island and Kowloon peninsula were ceded to Britain "in perpetuity," and the new territories — which cover 90 percent of the colony's land —

were leased to Britain for 99 years. Mrs. Thatcher has insisted that the treaties, though unequal, are "valid under international law." The Chinese in Peking maintain their position that "recovery of the sovereignty of the whole region of Hong Kong is unequivocal."

To pacify jittery nerves, the Chinese and British issued a joint statement after their meetings saying they had the "common aim of maintaining stability and prosperity of Hong Kong." But that assurance was soon shattered when an unnamed ranking Chinese official in Peking told British journalists that China places sovereignty above prosperity, adding that some freedoms now enjoyed in Hong Kong will disappear upon recovery to China.

Chang, who saw rampaging Red Guards, bloody factional fighting and purges during China's 1966-1976 cultural revolution, said, "it's better to overreact than to be caught off guard."

Israel seen forming new airline

GENEVA, Oct. 26, (R) — Israel's special security needs ensure the country will soon set up another state airline to replace the liquidated El Al, International Air Transport Association (IATA), sources have said. The form the new airline will take depends on the outcome of a political dispute between the government and the Histadrut Trade

Union Federation, the sources added.

Israel's need for secure air traffic, especially in time of war in the Middle East, means it must have a state airline, the sources said. Foreign airlines have usually stopped their services to Israel during Arab-Israeli conflicts.

The Israeli government decided Sunday to liquidate El Al, which dates back to the founding of the country in 1948, after employees refused to accept the management's restructuring plan.

"It is perfectly clear Israel will not be left without a national airline," one source said. "They must, for security reasons, have a guaranteed link with the outside world."

Although El Al's \$20 million dollar loss last year has been mentioned as one reason for its liquidation, the sources said the airline was not doing markedly worse than any other carrier in the recession-hit industry.

But, they said, the government apparently felt liquidation was justified considering these losses, the dispute with the unions and the ban on Saturday flights which cost El Al 40 percent of its weekly flight loads.

The sources said El Al, which ranks 20th in size among IATA's 120 members, was still flying some charters on the deficit-hit North Atlantic route. They could not recall any earlier case of a country dissolving its own airlines except the one formed jointly by African nations had split after political differences among the countries owning them.

Asian Bank lends \$45m to Dhaka

MANILA, Oct. 26 (AP) — The Asian Development Bank Tuesday approved a \$45.6 million loan to Bangladesh and a \$50-million credit line to small and medium industry bank of South Korea.

ADB said the loan to Bangladesh, carrying a service charge of one percent annually, will finance the foreign exchange cost of \$78.6 million natural gas transmission and distribution project in Southeast Bangladesh.

It said the development of natural gas should enable Bangladesh to save about \$155 million a year in foreign exchange by reducing the country's dependence on imported petroleum products.

An ADB announcement said proceeds of the loan to South Korea will be re-lent by to private small and medium-sized industries, with 75 percent going to the manufacturing sector and 25 percent to non-manufacturing enterprises.

Ethiopia urges aid to fight drought

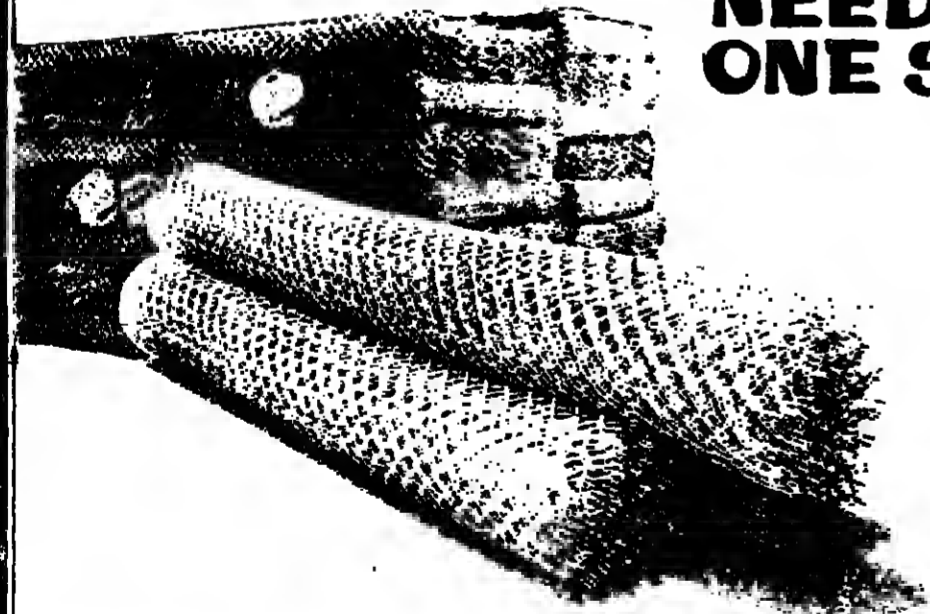
ADDIS ABABA, Oct. 26 (R) — A senior Ethiopian official appealed to the international community for aid to avert a disaster caused by a drought, which is affecting up to five million people.

Major Tesfaye Berhanu said in an interview with Reuters that the drought threatened between 4.5 and 5 million people in 13 of the country's 14 provinces.

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Smallest advance in 5 months

U.S. inflation rate falls to 2.1%

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26 (AP) — Sharp new declines in mortgage rates helped hold U.S. inflation in September to a scant 2.1 percent, calculated annually, the government said Tuesday. It was the smallest advance in five months.

Gasoline costs, reflecting abundant supplies of oil, fell 0.1 percent, although food prices were up 0.5 percent, the Labor Department said in its new report on the consumer price index. Mortgage interest rates fell 1.5 percent. Consumer prices rose at an annual rate of 4.8 percent for the first nine months of the year. If held to that pace for the rest of 1982, the advance would match the 4.8 percent of 1976. Inflation was 8.9 percent in 1981 and 12.4 percent in 1980.

The new figures are the last government price announcement before the Nov. 2 elections. But inflation — already tempered markedly from the double-digit levels of previous years — has not been a political millstone for Republican candidates. Rather, the Republican Party has taken credit for the improved inflation results and pointed to the figures as a sign the administration's economic program is helping.

Private economists, though, attribute the slowing in consumer price increases to the serious recession, which has sent unemployment soaring to its highest level since 1940. In addition, oil and grain supplies have been plentiful.

In Tuesday's report, the department said U.S. consumer prices rose a seasonally adjusted 0.2 percent in September, after climbing 0.3 percent in August and 0.6 percent in July. Not since April had prices risen

at such a slow 0.2 percent.

If prices rose for 12 straight months at September's rate, the yearly gain would be 2.1 percent after seasonal adjustment. The annual rate reported by the department is based on a more precise calculation of monthly changes than the figure the department makes public. The new report said that for the 12 months ending in September, prices rose 5.0 percent.

The department provided these details on consumer prices last month: — Housing costs overall fell 0.2 percent after rising 0.4 percent in August. Last month's decrease was driven by the drop in mortgage interest rates.

— Transportation costs were up 0.3 percent, the same as in August. Gasoline prices helped hold down the increase by declining 0.1 percent for the second straight month. As of September, gasoline prices were 7.8 per-

cent lower than at their peak in March 1981.

Used car prices climbed 1.2 percent but new car prices rose only a small 0.2 percent.

— Food prices overall rose after falling 0.3 percent in August.

All the increases are adjusted for normal seasonal variations. In all, the unadjusted consumer price index stood at 293.3 in September, meaning that goods costing \$100 in 1967 would have cost \$293.30 last month.

Next year the department will replace the housing component of the index with a "rental equivalent" formula.

Had the new formula been in use last month, prices overall would have climbed a seasonally adjusted 0.5 percent — an annual rate of 6.0 percent, the department said.

In advance of Tuesday's report, economists were expecting inflation to remain at the present easy pace in the coming months.

French labor lets off steam

PARIS, Oct. 26 (R) — Thousands of civil servants and dockers stopped work Tuesday in the latest in a series of strikes and protests over pay limits that have pitted France's big left-wing unions against the Socialist government.

Public employees belonging to the Socialist-oriented CFTD Labor Confederation and dock workers in the Communist CGT grouping stopped work for 24 hours.

Officials reported slight disruption to work in ministries, town halls, and telephone and other public services. The CFTD is one of several unions represented in the big civil service.

Cargo-handling in France's large channel, Atlantic and Mediterranean ports, where the CGT is the majority union, slowed as the 24-hour strike took effect, officials said.

The stoppages, which will be followed by a Paris public transport strike and action by railway workers, are aimed at showing union anger over a government decision to limit pay increases for 14 months beyond the end of a four-month wage and price freeze next Monday.

Arguing that stern measures are needed to

U.K. jobless rate declines

LONDON, Oct. 26 (AP) — Britain's post-depression record unemployment rate has eased this month to a total of 3,295,128 or 13.8 percent of the work force, down from 3,343,075 or 14 percent in September.

But despite the first monthly decline since May, government figures published Tuesday showed the underlying trend of adult joblessness still on the increase — for the 38th consecutive month.

Hundreds of Scots traveled to London Tuesday for a protest march, to the accompaniment of bagpipes, against what organizers said was the "destruction" of Scottish industry under Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative administration.

The "triple alliance" of the steel, rail and coalminers' unions organized the protest and expressed special concern about the possible

closure of the British Steel Corp. works at Ravenscraig, Scotland, with a loss of 4,400 jobs.

State-owned British Steel, losing 7 million pounds (\$12 million) a week, as its market shrinks due to the recession, has trimmed 160,000 jobs in three years. "There is deep concern that there is a possibility of steel-making being shut down altogether in Scotland," said National Union of Railwaymen official Andrew Barr.

The employment department said the reason for the October drop in the jobless toll was that 31,802 school graduates entered training programs or found jobs, offsetting the 33,855 additional adults out of work.

"This month's fall eases but does not reverse the underlying upward trend," Employment Secretary Norman Tebbit admitted. "There are bound to be some higher figures ahead before the beneficial effects of greater industrial competitiveness, lower inflation and lower rates (property taxes) feed through a stronger economy into more jobs," Tebbit said in a statement.

Opposition Labor Party employment spokesman Eric Varley blasted Mrs. Thatcher's record on jobs — there were 1.3 million out of work, or about 6 percent, when she took office in May 1979. "Practically every family in the land has a direct or indirect experience of this horrifying toll of hardship," Varley said.

Industrial output up by 1.1% in Japan

TOKYO, Oct. 26 (R) — Japan's preliminary industrial production index (base 1975) rose 1.1 percent in September to a seasonally adjusted 150.2 from a upward revised 148.5 in August, the International Trade and Industry Ministry said.

The September index in unadjusted terms was 0.5 percent higher than a year earlier after a 1.5 percent year-on-year August rise. The September year-on-year growth was the lowest in 16 months.

The adjusted preliminary September producers' shipment index (base 1975) rose 2.2 percent to 142.7 from a downward revised 139.6 in August, when it was down 0.2 percent from July.

On an unadjusted basis the producers' shipment index (base 1975) rose 0.4 percent from a year earlier, after a 0.4 percent year-on-year August fall.

The adjusted September index of producers' inventories of finished goods (base 1975) stood at 116.3, down 2 percent from 118.7 in August, when it rose 0.5 percent from July, on an unadjusted basis.

Ministry officials said production increased on all businesses except automobile industry, in September compared with August, the holiday season.

India liberalizes credit policy

BOMBAY, Oct. 26 (AP) — The Indian government announced a liberalization of its credit policy to help boost exports and stimulate industrial production.

Reserve Bank of India Governor Manmohan Singh told a news conference in Bombay that the credit liberalization would help end sluggishness in engineering and steel industries as well as in other sectors of heavy industry.

Singh said, "there is scope for expansion of bank credit to meet the genuine productive requirements of the economy." He, however, cautioned that "we are on a razor-edge balance and credit discipline must continue."

Under the revised credit policy, credit authorization for export-oriented firms has been increased from 30 million rupees (\$3 million) to 50 million rupees (\$5.1 million), Singh said, adding that credit limit for packaging also had been raised — by 25 percent.

To stimulate industrial investment, the government-run Industrial Development Bank of India would loan 1 billion rupees (\$110 million) to electricity and transport corporations in Indian states, Singh reported.

EEC inflation rises marginally

BRUSSELS, Oct. 26 (AP) — The monthly inflation rate slightly rose in September in the European Economic Community but the 12-month rate declined, the European statistics office reported Tuesday.

The 10-country average inflation rate for September was 0.7 percent, up from 0.5 percent in August, but the 12-month rate in September was 10.3 percent, down from 10.7 percent in August.

The 12-month rate for the various countries was: Greece 20.2 percent, Ireland 17 percent in August, Italy 17, Belgium 9.4, France 10.1, Denmark 9.7, Luxembourg 9.5, Britain 7.3, Holland 5.1, Germany 4.9 percent.

The one-year rate dropped in all countries except Denmark and Belgium where it rose and Italy where it remained even.

Financial Roundup

Dollar's march unchecked

By J. H. Hammond

JEDDAH, Oct. 26 — The American stock exchange witnessed its second biggest one-day fall since the days of the Great Depression crash in October, 1929. The number of declining stocks outnumbered the advancing ones to take the Dow Jones index to 995.13 levels Monday night in New York. The mood on the stock exchange markets suddenly turned sour as investors realized that U.S. interest rates would be at their present levels or even rise by the end of the year, given renewed federal budget deficit financing. The rise in the weekly money supply series Friday night added further worries and uncertainties and the dollar bounced up on the exchange markets.

In the bullion markets, prices fell as both gold and silver reacted to the same factors that were causing the stock markets to tumble. Gold closed some \$11 lower compared to Friday levels, to trade at \$417.00 an ounce while Tuesday saw profit-taking sales push prices lower to \$414.80 an ounce. Silver which had seemed so buoyant only a few days ago, succumbed to a wave of profit-selling that took prices well below the \$10 range to trade at \$9.90 an ounce. On Friday silver was trading nearer to \$10.50 an ounce.

In the European exchanges, Tuesday saw the dollar fall back slightly against the major world currencies but it still remained a potent force on the international bourses. The British pound was affected by news of a possible British coal workers strike and

sterling traded at 5½-year low of 1.6820 levels. The decision by the Bank of England to cut back on its money market rates did not help either. The French government continued its policy of discreet and direct support for the franc and there was talk of the French drawing down further on the "jumbo" credit facility that was established more than a month ago to support the franc.

On Tuesday however, the franc was under pressure at 7.1890 levels all day. The German mark fell to 2.5560 at one stage before some Bundesbank support pulled it up to 2.5460 levels. The Japanese currency was weak and directionless at the 275/276.00 level against the dollar.

With the American currency rising so fast on the exchanges, the local markets seemed very quiet by comparison. Spot rial/dollar exchange rates opened cautiously at the 3.4402-08 levels but soon reached the 3.4408-15 prices as demand for foreign currencies picked up. Inter-bank dealing was higher compared with the same period the previous week.

On the local deposits, rial rates were generally steady and some firming was seen later in the day in the shorter-dated funds. The week-fixed deposit rose to 9½ - 10 percent from 9½ percent levels on Monday.

LONDON (AP) — Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):

London	414.00
Paris	416.18
Frankfurt	417.00
Zurich	420.00
Hong Kong	416.23

BRIEFS

DETROIT, (R) — General Motors Corp. Chairman Roger Smith said increased factory sales, higher earnings from its financing and insurance units, and credit for income taxes helped to keep General Motors Corp. profitable in the 1982 third quarter. Earlier Monday GM reported a third quarter net of \$129.4 million on sales of \$14.28 billion compared to last year's third quarter loss of \$465.2 million on sales of \$13.41 billion.

BRUSSELS, (AFP) — Gaston Thorn, president of the European Common Market (EEC) commission, will pay an official visit to India and Nepal from Oct. 31 to Nov. 9, it was announced here Tuesday. In New Delhi, Thorn will have talks with Prime Minister

Indira Gandhi and government ministers and will reduce on Nov. 2 over the "European Day" at the New Delhi international fair. The ten EEC countries are participating at the fair.

TOKYO, (R) — Bank of Japan Governor Haruo Makawa said the central bank will continue to intervene when necessary to support the yen through sales of the dollar in foreign exchanges here. He also told the conference of the bank's branch managers it will maintain its policy of paying attention to differences between local and U.S. interest rates to prevent a further fall in the yen value against the dollar.

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World Cup Soccer

Colombia drops out as '86 host

BOGOTA, Colombia, Oct. 26 (AP) — Citing severe economic problems in Colombia, President Belisario Betancur said Monday night his country will not host the 1986 World Cup Soccer Championships.

In 1974 Colombia was awarded the right to be host country to the 1986 World Cup. Betancur's announcement in a nationwide radio and television address Monday night was no surprise. He had said several times since becoming president Aug. 7 that the government would not spend a single centavo on the preparations necessary for hosting the Games.

Since millions of dollars would have been required to renovate stadiums, upgrade airports, build hotels and improve communications, Betancur's position was generally regarded as being the death knell weeks ago for Colombia's becoming the host country.

The World Federation of Soccer Associations said last month that it would not let Colombia be the host country unless necessary improvements were forthcoming. "We have a lot of things to do, and there just isn't time to take care of the extravagant needs of FIFA and its members," Betancur said in remarks prepared for the evening broadcast.

"As we know, waste is unpardonable. I announce to my countrymen that the 1986 World Cup will not be held in Colombia," he said.

Betancur's announcement came at the end of an address in which he exhorted Colombians to practice austerity in spending and fight inflation. He urged Labor Unions to

hold down demands for salary increases and other benefits, businessmen to hold down prices and for consumers to co-operate in absorbing the effects of higher labor contracts and higher prices.

Inflation this year is running 27 percent. The minimum wage is \$120 per month. The cost of living in metropolitan areas such as this capital of 5 million people is high. Eggs cost \$1.50 per dozen. Milk is \$1 for about a half gallon. Bread is 50 cents for a one pound loaf.

Betancur's address was almost certainly aimed at discouraging violence that could erupt if Colombians' purchasing power erodes further.

A nationwide strike by union workers and bus drivers in 1976 resulted in the army's firing into groups of demonstrators throughout the country. At least 36 persons were killed, dozens were wounded and dozens of others were reported missing as the army rounded up scores of demonstrators during a state of siege.

"Time running out"

Meanwhile in Zurich, a FIFA spokesman commenting on the withdrawal said that a decision on a new venue was not likely to come before early next year, however, Colombia's move has put preparations almost two years behind schedule considering that the World Cup site is awarded six years in advance.

Kuwaitis keep in fray

By a Staff Writer

KUWAIT, Oct. 26 — Formidable Kuwait lived to fight another day in the World Military Football Tournament qualifier when they beat Saudi Arabia 2-0 in the second leg for a 3-3 aggregate here Tuesday.

Saudi Arabia went into the match with a 3-1 first-leg advantage, but the Kuwaitis, playing before their home crowd slammed in two early goals to force the match to be resolved over a replay to be played at a neutral venue.

The Kuwait attack, moving smoothly like a well-oiled machine, spread-eagled the Kingdom defense in the first session, when they held the lion's share of the exchanges and found the target twice.

They opened the account following a free-kick in the 18th minute, when their star

forward Dakheel neatly lifted the ball over the Kingdom wall to beat goalkeeper Khalideen with a swerving ball.

In the 36th minute a penalty award came their way when defender Ghorab brought down a Kuwait forward within the prescribed area and Dakheel made no mistake with a deft placement.

Unlike the first meeting when they were head and shoulders over their opponents, the Kingdom lads failed to get going in the initial stages and goalkeeper Khalideen was on his toes right through.

But they were very much in the picture in the next session, going all out for just a goal that would see them through to Damascus for the second phase of the tournament. But that was not to be so, for the Kuwait defense stood their ground, besides their goalkeeper too displayed a safe pair of hands.

Just 4 World Cup stars escape Munoz axe

MALAGA, Oct. 26 (Agencies) — Spain's new manager Miguel Munoz has dropped all but four of the disappointing World Cup squad for the first match of his reign against Iceland in Group Seven of the European Soccer Championship.

The four World Cup survivors in his provisional squad are goalkeeper Luis Arconada, defenders Jose Camacho and Rafael Gordillo and striker Carlos Santillana. Spain never lived up to the hopes they carried as hosts in last summer's World Cup and were bitterly criticized at home for failing to get beyond the second round.

Munoz, who managed Spain briefly at the end of the 1960s, captained Real Madrid in their first two European Cup triumphs in 1956 and 1957 and led them as manager to further victories in 1960 and 1966.

He took over as national soccer chief after the World Cup last July from Jose Emilio Santamarina, another hero of Real Madrid's finest years, who held the post for two years. His 14 years in charge at Real ended in 1974 after the great days were over and were followed by stints with lesser teams Granada, Las Palmas and Sevilla.

It will be Spain's first appearance in this

year's European Championship, but opponents Iceland have already played three matches without a win, leaving them at the bottom of the group. They were beaten 2-1 by Malta and 2-0 by Ireland but did well to hold the Netherlands, World Cup finalists of 1974 and 1978, to a 1-1 draw.

Team manager Johannes Atlason has brought seven professionals from clubs outside Iceland but the rest are amateurs from a country where there is no professional football.

Spain, European champions in 1964, expect the Netherlands and Ireland to provide the toughest opposition in Group Seven. Munoz's first test should not be too demanding but his bigger task of restoring national soccer pride after the World Cup failure will be more exacting.

Meanwhile, the Italian national team make their first international appearance since their 3-1 World Cup triumph against West Germany in July, in a friendly match against Switzerland at the Olympic Stadium in Rome Wednesday night.

It was against Switzerland that Italy played their final World Cup build-up match, drawing 1-1 in Geneva. The match will give the

"There is not much time left, of course," he said, but he noted that Argentina, host of the 1978 finals, "actually went ahead with practical preparations only when the military junta took control of the government. And yet, inside three years, the Argentinians have managed to build new stadiums and put up a good organization. Thus, hope is not gone this time either."

Courte said that with Colombia still the official host, no other country had submitted an official candidacy. "But FIFA knows unofficially that countries like the United States, Brazil, Canada and Mexico have expressed interest in hosting the finals."

The FIFA spokesman would not comment on Betancur's references to "extravagant demands" by FIFA which the president cited as one reason for Colombia's withdrawal. "I can only say that the conditions were the same as those that will have to be fulfilled by any other candidate for the 1986 meet and future World Cups," he added.

The Colombian withdrawal came just two weeks before a Nov. 10 deadline by which it would have had to notify FIFA of its formal agreement to meet all requirements. Following that, an inspection commission headed by Hermann Nenberger of West Germany would have made a new on-site check before a FIFA executive committee was to make the final decision in mid-December.

The same procedure, with a different timetable, will now begin again. "Of course," Courte said, "things might be easier if a country already disposes of the needed stadia. But even these will have to be refitted because, in my opinion, no stadium in the world can automatically be site of a World Cup match."

"Swiss radio commentator voiced understanding for the Colombian decision. 'An unorthodox president made an unorthodox decision,'" he said. "Of course, soccer is popular in Colombia, but it is not excluded that Betancur might become even more popular by this."

The Geneva newspaper *Le Suisse*, in a similarly sympathetic editorial, questioned FIFA requirements, specifically for stadia seating 60,000 to 80,000 people. "The question is legitimate why such demands are posed for stadia which, as happened in Spain, are filled to only one-fourth of their capacity," it said.

The Lausanne newspaper, *Tribune de Lausanne*, said that Brazil "is in fact the top-ranked candidate." It commented that FIFA President Joao Havelange, a Brazilian, "will have a very successful new term if Mundial 86 is awarded to Brazil."

Italy public, who welcomed the World Cup victory with delirium, a fresh opportunity to express their adoration of their national heroes.

From a more practical point of view, it will allow an assessment of current form with the European Championship qualifying match against Czechoslovakia coming up on Nov. 13 at Milan.

It will give manager Enzo Bearzot the chance to test players who have been short of form and success recently, such as Marco Tardelli, Antonio Cabrini, Bruno Conti and Paolo Rossi.

Dino Zoff complained of a thigh injury after the Juventus-Roma match Sunday and the Italian manager has postponed the naming of his final team till Wednesday morning.

The match will be referred by Brazil's Arnaldo Cesar Coelho, who was in charge of the World Cup final between Italy and West Germany at Bernabeu Stadium, Madrid on July 11.

The controversy surrounding next month's European Championship match between Greece and England continued as the two sides failed agree on a new date for the match, in Athens.



OUTWITS 'EM ALL: Flamengo striker Zico (center) outwits a host of River Plate defenders (from left) Bulleri, Tarantini (on ground), Chaparro and Merlo on his goalward march in the Libertadores Soccer Cup match in Buenos Aires recently. The World Cup star scored two goals in his side's 3-0 victory.

America does Flamengo a good turn in Rio tourney

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, Oct. 26 (AP) — Flamengo, which takes a pause from the Libertadores Cup Soccer Tournament and rejoins the Rio State Championship, benefited by leader Vasco Da Gama's loss to America Sunday.

Flamengo faces Portuguesa in the first of the three games it plays this week, which had been postponed to allow Flamengo to play Penarol of Uruguay and River Plate of Argentina in the Libertadores Cup.

Flamengo take on Portuguesa fresh from a 3-0 drubbing of River Plate in Buenos Aires recently. The Brazilians have two games remaining, both at home. They meet River Plate on Nov. 2 and play Penarol of Uruguay Nov. 16. Penarol had beaten Flamengo 1-0 in the earlier meeting.

Brazil's star forward Zico put Flamengo ahead in the 22nd minute against River Plate. And he added one more four minutes after resumption. Nunes completed the tally a minute from the final whistle.

Flamengo can move up to second place in the second-round State Championship standings with a victory over modest Portuguesa and against Madureira on Thursday. The defending national champion already won the first round and automatically qualifies for the playoff final.

Vasco Da Gama remained in first place despite its 2-0 loss to America, but it now shares the lead with a rejuvenated Botafogo,

which beat Campo Grande 2-0.

Fluminense drew with Bonsucesso 0-0 and continued to struggle for a playoff spot in the First Division National Championship. The club is locked in a race for the fifth and last playoff berth with Bangu, which Sunday played out a scoreless draw with Americano.

In Minas Gerais, the State Championship playoffs already are underway with a classic duel shaping up between arch-rivals Cruzeiro and Atletico Mineiro. The two share the lead of the eight-term playoff following Sunday's games.

Cruzeiro beat America 2-1 on goals by Savio and rookie revelation Tostao, while Atletico Mineiro downed Guarani 2-0 with goals from Quimulo and All-Star attacker Eder. Atletico's victory was marred by an injury to ace midfielder Toninho Cerezo, who broke a rib and is expected to be out for 30 days.

Another traditional rivalry was underway in the Rio Grande do Sul Championship, where Internacional and Grêmio battled for the lead in the six-club playoff. Internacional held on to first place with a 2-1 victory over Novo Hamburgo, while Grêmio remained in second place with a 3-1 win over Internacional of Santa Maria.

In Sao Paulo, Ponte Preta, took the lead in the second round of the State Championship with a 1-0 victory over Juventus.

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Anderlecht 6	Galekita Zemun 0
W. Tongres 2	Sloboda Tuzla 0
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Lokeren 2	Dinamo Vinkovci 0
Wintezing 2	Zeljeznicar Sarajevo 1
FC Lieke 2	Olimpija Ljubljana 1
CS Bruges 0	Dinamo Zagreb 3
Standard Liege 0	Red Star Belgrade 2
FC Bruges 3	Radnicki Tigrad 1
Switzerland	Romania
Basle 2	Arges Pitesti 0
Bulle 0	Constanta 1
Lausanne 3	Petrolul Ploiesti 1
Lucerne 3	Chabala Vilcea 1
Servette 3	Petrosani Jui 1
Winterthur 1	Tirgu Mures 0
Nyonchatel Xamax 1	Dinamo Bucharest 1
Grasshoppers Zurich 3	Hunedoara 1
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Salazar sets sights on Olympic gold

NEW YORK, Oct. 26 (AP) — Alberto Salazar, winner of the New York City Marathon for the third consecutive year, is now aiming at the 10,000 meters and the marathon in the 1984 Olympics.

"I feel overall my training is going great for the marathon," he said after his New York victory Sunday. "As for the 10,000, it still is a question whether I will be ready. Right now, I feel I'm one of the top three in the world (in the 10,000). But I wouldn't want to run it if I didn't feel I had a good chance of winning."

President Ronald Reagan telephoned Salazar after he outdueled Mexico's Rodolfo Gomez by four seconds to continue his domination of the New York Marathon. Norway's Grete Waitz, who led women runners, also received presidential congratulations.

Asked what Reagan had said to her, Waitz said, "Oh, he just asked about the race, about my future and about the (1984) Olympics (at Los Angeles)."

"That's the same thing he asked me," Salazar said with a big smile. Salazar is unbeaten in four marathons and owns the world's best time in the event — a 2:08:13 result set in the 1981 New York City race. He said his narrow victory over Gomez, coupled with his two-second triumph over Dick Beardsley at Boston six months ago, would help him in the future.

Salazar said he expected his toughest competition in the Olympics to come from Toshihiko Seko of Japan, Australia's Robert de Castella, and perhaps "An unknown African runner, or maybe one who is known, like Kedit."

Canada prevails

READING, England, Oct. 26 (R) — Former world champion Cliff Thorburn beat Doug Mountjoy in a one frame sudden death playoff Monday night to give Canada a 4-3 win over Wales in their Group "B" match in the World Team Snooker Tournament.

The Canadians had come back from 3-1 down with victories by Bill Werbenink over Ray Reardon — his first win over the six-times world champion — and Thorburn over Mountjoy.

Canada meet Australia in their second and final first stage match. A victory will take them to the top of the group and make them certain qualifiers for the semifinals.

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Lakers tipped for NBA honors

By Susan Saporito
Houston Bureau

HOUSTON, Oct. 25 — The Los Angeles Lakers are tipped to win their third National Basketball Association (NBA) title in four years as the 1983 season gets underway this week with 23 teams vying for honors.

According to predictions Los Angeles, Boston, Philadelphia, Milwaukee or Seattle will be the only teams around in the spring when it's time to crown a champion.

With the addition of high-scoring David Thompson to the Seattle SuperSonics, a lot of the late-game burden is expected to be taken off of Gus Williams and Jack Sikma. A big plus could be the addition of 7-footer James Donaldson. But, the experts say they still won't have enough to keep up with Los Angeles.



Moses Malone... 76ers' prize acquisition

The top spot in the Eastern Conference Central Division should be filled by the Milwaukee Bucks. Dave Cowens, making a come-back from retirement might turn out to be the power forward that the Bucks need. However, Milwaukee lacks a point guard with the absence of Quinn Buckner.

Boston and Philadelphia are expected to finish one and two respectively in the Atlantic Division. Moses Malone is in Philadelphia, but he's not expected to be enough to overtake the consistency of the Celtics night after night. The trade which sent Dave



Caldwell Jones... may be missed by Sixers

Cowens to Milwaukee for Quinn Buckner might be owner Red Auerbach's best deal ever. Along with Buckner, the other four starters for Celtics Larry Bird, Kevin McHale, Robert Parish and Cedric Maxwell will be a hard combination to beat.

Moses is expected to give the Sixers the rebounding they need, but the Sixers lack strength from their bench. Julius Irving, Bobby Jones, Maurice Cheeks and the rest probably will miss Caldwell Jones' defense in the middle. The Sixers sent Jones to the Houston Rockets in a recent trade.

Injury forces Coetzee to put off bout

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey, Oct. 26 (AP) — South African Gerrie Coetzee, the World Boxing Association's No. 2 heavyweight contender, fractured his right hand in training Monday and will not be able to fight Alfonso Ratliff Saturday.

Coetzee broke his hand while sparring with American Vic Valentino, according to Lee Samuels, a spokesman for the promoter. Samuels said the South African fighter was taken to the Atlantic City Medical Center where x-rays revealed the fracture.

Coetzee was scheduled to fight Ratliff at the Sands Hotel and Casino. He originally had been scheduled to fight unbeaten Pinklon Thomas, but Thomas pulled out of the fight last week, saying he had injured his back in training.

Coetzee underwent some fusion surgery after injuring his right hand several years before he lost a 15-round decision to John Tate for the vacant WBA title Oct. 20, 1979, in South Africa. He also failed to win the WBA Championship when he was knocked out in the 13th round by Mike Weaver Oct. 25, 1980.

Coetzee, who has a 28-3 record with 16 knockouts, recently moved to the United States to concentrate on gaining another shot at the heavyweight championship. He has fought three times this year and won all by knockout, including a second-round knockout of Stan Ward Sept. 11.

Meanwhile, World Boxing Association (WBA) heavyweight champion Jeff Chandler is to defend his title for the sixth time

against Panama's Miguel Iriarte Wednesday night.

The 26-year-old champion from Philadelphia, took the title in November 1980, but he came within inches of losing his crown during the defense of the title against Japan's Eijiro Murata, who claimed a draw with the champion after knocking him down in the opening round. But in a return bout, Chandler relieved his injured feeling with a 13th round knockout.

Unbeaten in 30 bouts, 28 wins and two draws, the hard-hitting American won 17 fights inside the distance and is favorite to retain his title.

Iriarte, who turned professional three and a half years ago, also has a reputation as a hitter, with an especially fearful right hook. He has won 11 fights, eight inside the limit and has suffered only one defeat and one draw.

Smith breezes past Fromm

PARIS, Oct. 26 (AP) — Thirty-five-year-old American Stan Smith moved easily into the second round of the \$75,000 Paris (Indoor) Tennis Tournament Monday when he eliminated sixth-seeded fellow countryman Eric Fromm 6-1, 6-4.

Smith, a former winner of the event in 1972 and a semifinalist here last year, rushed the net at every opportunity and pressured Fromm into errors. After a one-way first set, he broke Fromm's serve in the second game of the second set and served out to love in the ninth game to complete a one hour 20 minute win.

In other first-round actions, Harold Solomon of the United States downed Amani Jumtano of Burundi 6-0, 6-3, American Bruce Manson defeated Frenchman Christophe Roger-Vasselin 6-4, 6-4, Jerome Potier of France beat Eric Iskersky of the United States 6-2, 5-7, 6-3, Marcos Hocerar of Brazil bested Bernard Fritz of France 6-4, 6-3, and Jay Lapidus of the United States beat Danny Visser of South Africa 6-4, 6-2. Meanwhile, top-seeded American Sandy Mayer advanced to the second round of the Grand Prix Tennis Tournament in Cologne beating Czechoslovakia's Jaro Navratil 6-3, 6-4.

American Andy Kohlberg extended Sholomo Glickstein 6-7, 6-3, 6-4, while Briton John Lloyd also made the grade with a 6-4, 6-4 victory over West German Hans-Dieter Beutel. Nick Saviano beat Lloyd Bourne Kirmayr bested Bruce Foxworth 6-3, 7-6, in other first round clashes.

It was smooth running in EPCA's League

By a Staff Writer

DHAHRAN, Oct. 26 — Runs flowed like water under the benign eye of the sun here as the Eastern Province Cricket Association (EPCA) League began with a big bang.

And the team to make an impressive start was Orrilines. Led by the firepower of Alauddin, one of the two century-makers of the opening day of the league last weekend, Orrilines raced to the highest total of the day — 317 for three in 30 overs — against Saulex.

The total proved adequate enough for them to register victory. But not before they had encountered a fight from their opponents. Orrilines began in a fine fashion with Alauddin and Aga Nadeem going great guns. Nadeem left after contributing 63, but Alauddin continued to flay the Saulex attack. He and Salman Hameed Khan cut loose on the flailing Saulex bowling till Alauddin fell while attempting a mighty hit. His 152 contained a six. Salman remained unbeaten with 61 runs as Saulex faced a stiff task while taking their turn in the middle.

Bu Saulex were not fazed by the mammoth total. They picked up the gauntlet with Shahid Magrev (63) and Saleem Haider (77) leading

the fight. Though S. Muzammil pitched in with a blistering 70 their efforts proved in vain as Orrilines restricted them to 257 for five in their allotted overs with some superb ground fielding. Salman Hameed Khan crowded a good day with a haul of three for 58.

The other century-maker of the day was Jalal Akbar for AGE, who registered a nine-wicket victory over Abahsain. Akbar cracked an unbeaten 114 as AGE overhauled Abahsain's meagre total of 148. But before Akbar could get into the act, Aziz (five for 32) and Jan Muhammad (three for 36) wreaked havoc on Abahsain's innings. Thanks to a fine 45 by Pervaiz Butt and a patient 32 by Pervaiz Khan, Abahsain could pass the three-figure mark.

Arabian Eagles' batsmen and bowlers were also seen in good light. The Eagles built up 254 for eight on useful contributions from Saleem Raza (62), Sohail Khaleel (56 not out), Karim Jan (32) and Najam (28). And this proved enough for them to snatch full points against Bechtel Jubail. Jubail's Majumdar, who had taken two for 45 in Eagles' innings, and Samiuddin Ahmed were the only batsmen to offer some resistance as Azhar Hussain (six for 38) and Humayoun

Iqbal (two for 37) reduced Bechtel Jubail to 133. Majumdar scored 37 and Ahmed hit up 25.

A hat-trick by Fazli and half centuries by Fernando Pulle and Siraj enabled Juyaimah RT register a facile 65-run victory over Combined Cricket Club. Pulle's 79 and Siraj (50) were responsible for Juyaimah's 210 for nine wickets in their prescribed over as Combined's Niaz (three for 46), Mumtaz (two for 42) and Ifthikar (2 for 45) shared the bowling honors. Ifthikar (72 not out) and Shamim (31) raised prospects of an engrossing finish, but Fazli (three for 34) did the trick for Juyaimah with Alvi also returning identical figures.

Aramco-Abaqaiq were also in fine form as they registered the next best total of the day against BAC. They raced to 312 for six wickets in their 30 overs with Rashid (89), Adil Mir (88), Arif (41) and Amin (32) getting the bulk of the score. BAC never got going right from the offset and finished with 174 with Shehzad (46) and Rashid Mukhyr (36) boosting the tally. Shahid (three for 22), Rashid (two for 13) and Amin (three for 32) were Abaqaiq's top bowlers. UPM 'B' gave a walkover to Petromin.

Close race for Rally title

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast, Oct. 26 (AFP) — One month and two events away from the end of the season there is everything left to fight for in the World Rally Championship both for cars and drivers.

Two car constructors are neck and neck. Audi with 104 points and Opel with 102 but they will have to wait until the final rally in Britain from Nov. 20-25 settle their scores.

With the 14th Ivory Coast Rally, counting for the World Drivers' Championship, starting here Wednesday night, two drivers, West German Walter Rohrl (Opel Ascona) with 101 points and Frenchwoman Michele Mouton (Audi Quattro) with 82, are aiming for the drivers' title.

The five day ordeal which ends on Monday, Nov. 2, takes the drivers through an un hospitable part of the African bush which the Frenchwoman does not know and the German doesn't like. Parts of the route, washed by constant rain, are notoriously

NSW tie will be tough, Willis warns

NEWCASTLE, Australia, Oct. 26 (AP) — English cricket captain Bob Willis warned his players Tuesday to prepare for a hard workout against Northern New South Wales in the three-day match starting at the Newcastle Sports ground in the provincial city north of Sydney Wednesday.

Willis, looking for a lift in England's form after the heavy opening loss to Queens' and, said the appearance of the Northern New South Wales team, which included former Australian Test players Rick McCosker and Gary Gilmour, indicated that the tourists could expect to be fully extended.

"With the first Test just over a fortnight away it will do our players good to have

plenty of hard matchplay," Willis said. "Our new players are still feeling their way and the next three matches will be vital in shaping our Test team."

The entry of Chris Tavare and Derek Randall gives England an almost Test strength batting line-up for the Newcastle game. England will be led by David Gower in Willis' absence.

Other players making their first appearance on tour are off-spinner Eddie Hemmings, veteran pacer Robin Jackman and deputy wicketkeeper Ian Gould. The appearance of England's outstanding all-rounder, Ian Botham, will please Newcastle followers.

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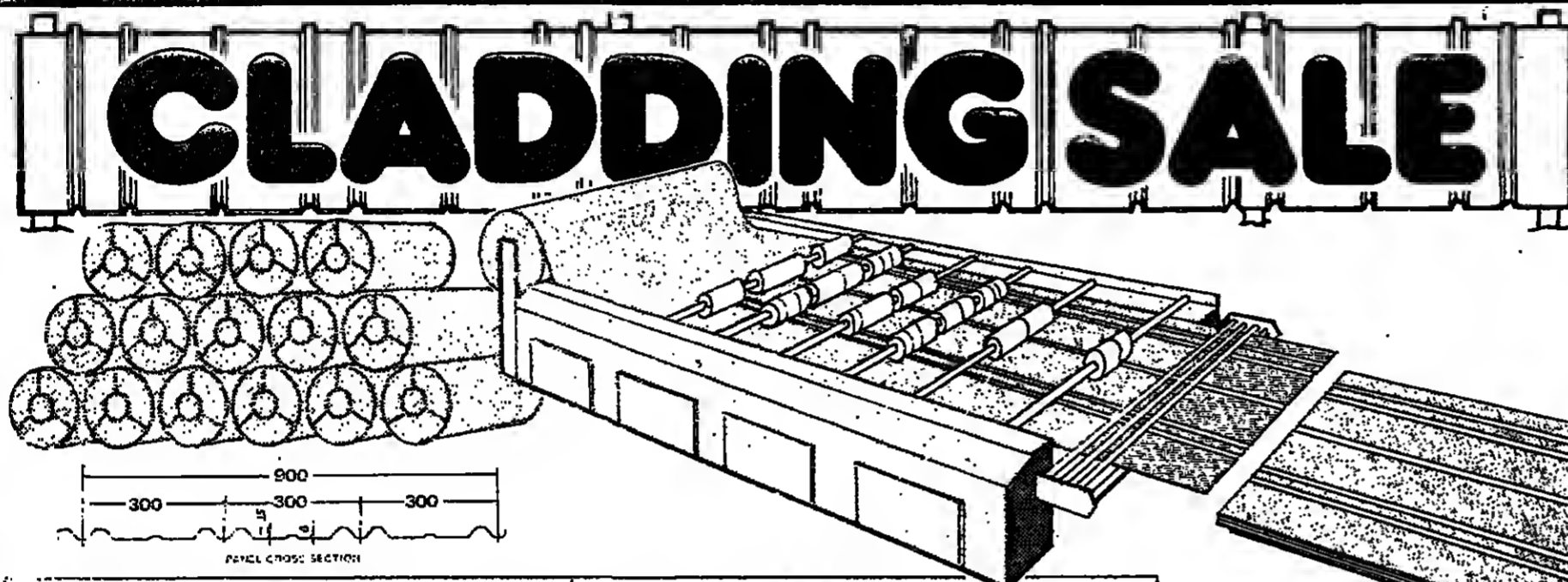
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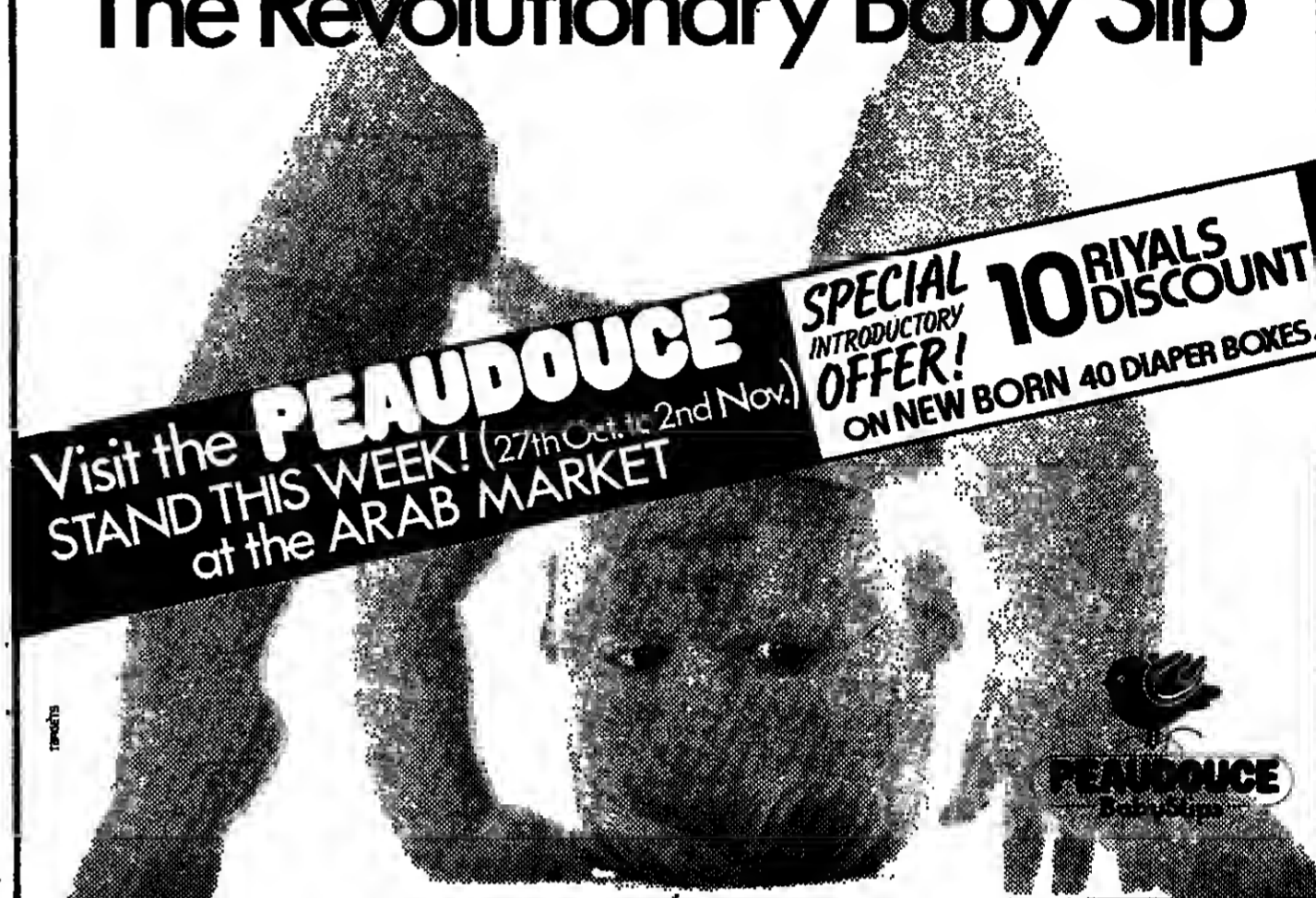
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IRA kills kidnapped sergeant

BELFAST, Northern Ireland, Oct. 26 (AP) — Irish Republican Army guerrillas said Monday night they have "executed" a Protestant militia sergeant they kidnapped three days ago after Protestant extremists bludgeoned a kidnapped Catholic to death and shot another dead in the street.

The Provisional IRA's "First Battalion" in South Armagh said Thomas Cochrane, 55, was killed for participating in "serious crimes against the (Catholic) nationalist population."

The guerrillas claimed in a statement telephoned to Belfast news organizations that Cochrane was linked with Protestant paramilitary groups who have attacked Catholics.

The IRA did not say when Cochrane, a part-time sergeant in the British Army's Ulster Defense Regiment, was killed. But it claimed an order issued Sunday from IRA leaders to spare his life "was not received in time" because security forces had saturated the area in a search for the missing man.

The statement concluded: "Sergeant Cochrane was executed and the exact location of his body will be announced when circumstances allow."

After a month-long series of "tit-for-tat" killings, Monday's slayings heightened fears of a renewed spasm of sectarian bloodshed. Earlier Monday, extremists bludgeoned to death a Roman Catholic kidnap victim and gunned down another Catholic on a street in Armagh city in apparent retaliation for the kidnapping of Cochrane.

Nuclear weapons use on civilians opposed

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26 (R) — America's Catholic bishops issued a draft letter opposing the use of nuclear weapons against civilian targets or in response to non-nuclear attacks.

The letter, issued by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB), could put Catholics in the armed forces to conflict with U.S. policy. The United States has not ruled out the use of nuclear weapons in response to an attack by conventional Soviet forces in Europe, Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger defended the policy in a letter to the conference.

The bishops questioned the belief that it is possible to wage a limited nuclear war, and that use of nuclear weapons can serve as a deterrent.

And now mercury poisoning in U.S.

DENVER, Colorado, Oct. 26 (AP) — Colorado stores were urged to pull Extra-Strength Excedrin capsules from their shelves after a man became ill from taking a capsule of the pain reliever laced with toxic mercuric chloride, authorities said.

After the poisoning Monday, state health officials advised residents to stop taking Excedrin, a pain reliever, and return what they have to the stores.

"I want people at home to put it in plastic bags and not touch it any more than they have to" in case police need to check Excedrin bottles for fingerprints, said Dr. Barry Ramack, director of the Rocky Mountain Poison Control Center.

He said handling capsules containing mercuric chloride, used in mercury batteries, fireworks and dyes, would probably not poison anyone who did not swallow them.

Larry Gomez, Denver district director of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, said he lacked authority to order stores to

quit selling Excedrin, but called for voluntary action and said federal agents were checking store shelves for other tainted capsules.

At least one supermarket complied with requests to remove the Excedrin capsules from sale. The Excedrin incident was the latest in a rash of product taintings around the U.S. since seven persons died in Chicago late September after taking cyanide-laced capsules of Extra-Strength Tylenol.

William Sinkovic, 33, was listed in stable condition Tuesday, improved from critical in the intensive care unit at Aurora Community Hospital after taking Excedrin found to contain the toxic substance.

Meanwhile, an eighth bottle of Extra-Strength Tylenol containing cyanide-laced capsules has been found in Chicago among containers turned in to police by consumers, a source close to the Tylenol murder investigation said Monday.

The source, who declined to be identified, said police had mailed the package for testing to a center operated by McNeil Consumer Products Co., manufacturer of the pain remedy.

The bottle was sent with "a notation that it might be contaminated," and subsequent tests confirmed the presence of cyanide, the source said. The bottle then was turned over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Minnesota, the source said.

One other bottle of contaminated Tylenol capsules was found among the bottles returned by consumers, one was found among bottles pulled from store shelves and not sold, and five connected with the seven Tylenol deaths.

Meanwhile Monday, authorities said they still had no "prime suspects" and no arrests were imminent in the cyanide deaths of people who took Extra-Strength Tylenol capsules. The seven poisoning deaths, all in the Chicago area, were reported between Sept. 29 and Oct. 1.

Schmidt to keep out of race for chancellor

BONN, Oct. 26 (AFP) — Former West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, citing "health reasons," Tuesday officially announced he would not stand as the Social Democratic Party (SPD) candidate for chancellor in the general elections scheduled for next March 6.

Speaking to SPD members of parliament at the federal assembly here, Schmidt, 64, said: "It would be dishonest to be a candidate for a post which I seriously fear I would be unable to occupy for the extent of the legislative term for health reasons." The former chancellor, who said he would run for parliament from his home district in Hamburg, added: "My stepping down is an opportunity to make space for the younger forces in the party."

Schmidt, who led West Germany from 1974 to 1982, reluctantly rejected pressure from supporters who considered the former chancellor an "election locomotive" who could single-handedly increase electoral support of the SPD by five to eight percent. In the recent provincial elections in Hesse, Schmidt's personal stamping helped the SPD win 40 percent of the vote, although polls predicted the party would take only 30 of the ballots.

New conservative Chancellor Helmut Kohl has scheduled general elections for March 6, and according to observers here, Schmidt's chances for a victory, if he chose to run, would be slight. A renewal of the coalition with the Free Democratic Party (FDP), which enabled Schmidt to maintain a parliamentary majority during his years in power, is practically out of the question.

The FDP, led by Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher, recently bolted from its

alliance with the SPD and formed a new coalition with the Christian Democrats, enabling Kohl to move into the chancellor's office earlier this month.

The SPD stands little chance of winning an outright majority, and Schmidt has expressed his disdain for forming a coalition with the Greens, an anti-nuclear and environmentalist party, which could become the third force in the parliament after the next elections. The SPD also shows signs of internal strain, which could eventually undermine Schmidt's strength within the party, even if he were to regain the chancellor's job.

The left wing of the SPD, led by former Chancellor Willy Brandt, supports an alliance with the Greens and opposes the deployment of American nuclear missiles on West German soil at the end of 1983 if the current U.S.-Soviet negotiations in Geneva on the limitation of Euromissiles collapse.

Swedes feel spy sub escapes

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 26 (AP) — Defense officials have concluded that the foreign submarine bunted since Oct. 1 escaped more than two weeks ago while the Swedish navy dumped tons of explosives into Hors Bay in a futile effort to make it surface, a newspaper reported Tuesday.

The *Svenska Dagbladet*, quoting what it said was an unpublished defense staff report, said the government probe of the incident shows that the alien sub escaped through an outlet in the northern part of the Hors Bay search area by maneuvering just above the seabed.

It said the vessel escaped no later than Oct. 7, or one week after its periscope was sighted outside the top secret Musko naval base.

Amnesty bares political murders

LONDON, Oct. 26 (AFP) — Thousands of people were killed for political reasons in 1981 on government order or approval and without trial, Amnesty International charged in its annual report on human rights violations throughout the world.

These murders were often accompanied by another form of abuse, the "disappearance" of people kidnapped or arrested by authorities, the organization said in its report to be released Wednesday.

Government-organized disappearances and illegal murders have become so widespread and frequent that the international community must urgently face up to the situation, Amnesty said. Nations can no longer be allowed to shirk their responsibilities because

Schmidt, who also held the West German defense and economy portfolios before becoming chancellor, has fought against the pacifist current in his own party and supported the deployment of the U.S. nuclear missiles.

Schmidt's retirement from the party leadership opens the way for Jochen Vogel, 56, to become the SPD candidate in the next elections. Vogel, a former mayor of West Berlin, has demonstrated vote-getting abilities but is not expected to unseat Chancellor Kohl.

Schmidt's retirement in effect reinforces the possibility of a prolonged period of political exile for the SPD, in need of a rejuvenated leadership. The former chancellor, who is perhaps the most popular political figure in West Germany, is expected to remain an SPD MP representing his native city, Hamburg, while writing his memoirs of a 36-year political career with the SPD.

located on Hors Bay.

Solar contacts with a possible submarine were made outside Hors Bay on the night of Oct. 8, and navy helicopters dropped a carpet of depth charges on the suspected vessel's position in nearby Mysing Bay, the newspaper said. The defense staff report was quoted as saying that the sub escaped between helicopter sorties.

Earlier government reports on that sighting said the contact outside Hors Bay might have been a second sub, or the original intruder. The report, which according to *Svenska Dagbladet* will be used as a basis for future submarine hunts, said a total of 35 depth charges were dropped and four mines were exploded in the fruitless hunt.

they have decided to eliminate suspected opponents, said the report, which cover 121 countries.

Amnesty International charged that large-scale political killings took place in "countries with very different ideologies." It cited as examples a massacre in San Salvador during the night of Jan. 10, 1981, in which soldiers killed 22 youths, and a military action in Hama the night of April 23, 1981, during which 350 persons were killed and 600 wounded.

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2 Dutch parties agree on coalition

THE HAGUE, Oct. 26 (R) — Leaders of the main Dutch center-right parties Tuesday reached agreement on social and economic policy after differences had held up the formation of a new coalition government, political sources said.

They said Christian Democrat (CDA) leader Rijkman Groenendaal, likely to be prime minister of the coalition, and Liberal Party (VVD) chief Ed Nijpels would submit their accord on next year's tax policy to the parliamentary groups of both parties for approval later Tuesday.

Among important elements of the coalition accord previously agreed were big spending cuts over the next four years and the stationing of NATO cruise missiles in the Netherlands if East-West arms reduction talks failed.

The CDA and Liberals hold an overall majority in the policy making second chamber of parliament after winning a total of 81 out of 150 seats in a general election last month.

Massive rallies climax Spanish poll campaign

MADRID, Oct. 26 (R) — Tens of thousands of Spaniards gathered in Madrid on Tuesday for rival rallies to climax the campaign for elections that the Socialists are expected to win despite speculation about a military coup.

Underlining how Thursday's elections have turned into a two-way race, the Socialists and their main right-wing rivals, the Popular Alliance, were counting on the biggest crowds. The three-week campaign ends at midnight leaving voters a statutory day of reflection before casting their ballots.

The Socialists planned to pack 250,000 supporters onto the campus of Madrid's Complutense University, where many of their activists first experienced politics in underground opposition to right-wing dictator Gen. Francisco Franco. Their party was banned under Franco who died in 1975 after ruling Spain with an iron hand for nearly 40 years.

The Socialists ran second to a center-conservative alliance in the two free elections since Franco's death and all opinion polls predict that they will emerge clear winners this time. Popular Alliance supporters converged on another part of the capital hoping to fill the monumental Plaza Mayor. Communists gathered at Madrid's bull ring.

The ruling Union of the Democratic Center (UCD) canceled its main Madrid rally, offering to donate the funds set aside for it to victims of the recent floods in south-east Spain. The party's rivals said it was afraid to risk a humiliating turnout in Madrid where one authoritative poll predicted neither its prime minister, Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo, nor its new candidate for the job, Landelino Lavilla, would be elected.

The Madrid rallies were planned as festive occasions with a mixture of politics, poetry, and pop music. Georges Moustaki was singing for the Socialists. Socialist leader Felipe Gonzalez, a 40-year-old lawyer, planned to leave Madrid in time to get to Seville to round off his grueling campaign in his home town at another big rally.

He has campaigned on a platform of moderation to calm fears of voters, few of whom have any direct experience of left-wing gov-

ernment. The left was last in power in Spain during the ill-fated Second Republic which was proclaimed in 1931 and crushed by Franco during the three-year Civil War.

The unearthing of a coup plot and rumors of military unrest during the campaign fueled speculation that the right wing would move to prevent a Socialist victory.

Former Prime Minister Adolfo Suarez told an election rally that a military coup would lead to another Civil War. "A military coup in Spain would take hold because within eight or nine months there would be a Civil War," he told supporters in Barcelona.

There were unconfirmed reports, meanwhile, that the Basque guerrilla organization ETA would seek a truce with the Socialists if they came to power. The reports said the truce would be negotiated by the left-wing Basque political party Herri Batasuna, which is said to have close contacts with the guerrilla group.

ETA, which is fighting for an independent Basque state, has been held responsible for a series of acts of political violence in Spain in recent years. In the Basque country, the first contingent of a new local police force recruited entirely from the region went into operation Tuesday with 278 men taking on guard duty outside public buildings there. Officials said some 130,000 security men would be placed on maximum alert throughout Spain on Thursday.

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Soviets protest Kohl Berlin trip

LONDON, Oct. 26 (AFP) — The Soviet Union Tuesday lodged a formal protest here over the planned joint visit to West Berlin on Friday (Oct. 29) of British Premier Margaret Thatcher and West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl. The protest was delivered to the Foreign Office by Soviet Ambassador Victor Popov.

It challenged the right of Chancellor Kohl to accompany Mrs. Thatcher when she visits the divided city. The Soviets maintain that his presence violates the 1971 four-power (U.S., Britain, France and the USSR) Berlin accords.

A Foreign Office spokesman said that Deputy Foreign Minister Malcolm Rifkind told Popov that Britain did not consider the joint visit would in any way violate the accords.

U.S.-Greece talks today

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26 (R) — The United States and Greece open negotiations in Athens Wednesday on the future of U.S. bases under the Socialist government headed by Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu, a long-standing critic of NATO.

The United States is anxious to learn what price Papandreu has in mind for continuing U.S. use of the bases it considers important to NATO's southern flank, and has out disclosed any specific proposals it may make in return.

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Amsterdam	6	43	13	55	clear
Athens	15	59	24	77	clear
Bahrain	27	80	33	90	clear
Bangkok	25	77	28	82	rain
Beirut	18	64	22	72	clear
Berlin	2	36	9	48	clear
Buenos Aires	8	46	23	73	sunny
Calcutta	17	63	29	84	clear
Caracas	19	66	29	81	sunny
Chicago	4	26	13	56	clear
Copenhagen	9	48	12	54	clear
Dublin	6	43	13	55	clear
Frankfurt	6	43	11	52	cloudy
Geneva	6	46	12	54	cloudy
Helsinki	2	36	8	46	cloudy
Hong Kong	22	72	22	72	rain
Jakarta	24	75	33	91	cloudy
Kuala Lumpur	23	73	32	90	rain
London	12	53	16	61	cloudy
Los Angeles	19	66	22	72	cloudy
Madrid	2	36	19	66	clear

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Manila	22	72	33	91	clear
Mexico City	10	50	22	72	clear
Miami	16	61	26	79	cloudy
Montreal	2	36	12	54	clear
Moscow	8	46	10	50	cloudy
New Delhi	18	64	32	89	clear
New York	6	43	9	49	rain
Nicolasia	14	57	28	82	clear
Oslo	2	36	4	39	clear
Paris	6	43	12	54	cloudy
Peking	6	43	18	65	clear
Rome	12	54	16	61	cloudy
San Francisco	15	60	18	64	rain
Seoul	8	46	18	64	cloudy
Singapore	24	75	52	90	rain
Stockholm	6	43	9	48	clear
Sydney	12	54	21	69	clear
Taipei	18	64	24	75	rain
Tokyo	10	50	19	66	clear
Toronto	7	45	11	52	clear
Vancouver	11	52	15	59	clear
Vienna	13	55	18	64	cloudy

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